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1941 MINUTES OF TRUSTEES

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 9, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Elliot stated that it was customary to present a resolution at the first meeting of the Trustees after inauguration of a new Governor, electing the Governor as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the ensuing four years, which resolution was ready for presentation. The resolution was then read as follows:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to organize quadriennially by designating the incoming Governor as Chairman of the said Trustees, Now, Therefore

Be It Resolved that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate Honorable Spessard L. Holland, Governor of Florida, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and pursuant to custom in his absence the next member of the Trustees, according to the order in which their names appear as designated in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund, shall preside as Chairman.

Mr. Larson offered the resolution as read for action by the Trustees, which was unanimously adopted.

The new members were informed that in the absence of the Governor chairmanship was assumed by each in the order listed under Act creating the board—the Comptroller following the Governor and the Treasurer following the Comptroller.

Mr. Larson inquired if there were certain employees that gave entire time to the work of the Trustees and requested that he be furnished with a list of such employees.

Attorney General Watson inquired as to who was Attorney for the Trustees. Mr. Elliot replied that the legal work was performed by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Watson then asked if a party by the name of Pelot was employed in the Secretary's office; if he was a lawyer and if employed in a legal capacity. Mr. Elliot stated that he was employed as a Clerk and not in a legal capacity.

Mr. Mayo moved that Mr. Elliot be elected as Secretary for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which was duly seconded and unanimously adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded and adopted, that meeting date for the Trustees be on each Tuesday immediately following the adjournment of the State Board of Education.

CONSIDERATION OF LANDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Discussion was had in connection with various matters coming under the so called MURPHY ACT, being Chapter 18296.

Employees were considered and Mr. Elliot stated that there were what might be termed regular employees of the Trustees on regular Internal Improvement Fund work, and other employees who had strictly to do with Murphy Act land sales.

The Governor asked for information as to the policy determined by the whole board with reference to procedure in Murphy Act land sales. That proposals had been submitted for using this character of land in connection with conservation projects. Also as to the policy in reference to game preserves, state forests and parks, etc.; that there may be action taken by the next legislature as to using this land for conservation purposes.

Mr. Elliot explained that the various areas had been looked into for conservation purposes; that the greater part was boom time lots with very little in contiguous acreage; that most of the big acreage had been taken up under the Murphy Act before June 9, 1939, and not much of a desirable character remained in good localities. About 95% of the total number of parcels would come under lots and small scattered tracts.

Governor Holland inquired if there had been prepared any maps showing location of the lands. Mr. Elliot replied that there were so many small tracts that it would be impracticable to indicate them on a map; also that a map large enough for such purpose was not available.

The Governor stated that there would probably be available from the Federal Government about $56,000 for rounding out conservation projects in connection with these lands if it could be used.

Mr. Mayo stated that the deeds being issued by the Trustees contained a reservation of 200 feet for right of way for all existing roads, which reservation the new members approved.

Mr. Elliot then outlined to the Trustees the present procedure in connection with sale of Murphy Act lands, substantially as follows:

> That the Trustees are authorized to sell to the highest and best bidder for cash upon the giving of such notice as shall be determined by the Trustees. That the Trustees have adopted certain rules and regulations. In order of their application, a person interested in purchase of land under the Murphy Act makes application to Clerk of the Circuit Court. When application is made, applicant must agree that he will bid a minimum amount of 25% of the assessed value as of 1932. Parcel is then advertised in a newspaper of general circulation in the County—One publication only.
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> Sale is held on date fixed in newspaper notice of sale. Each parcel is offered for sale and money received from person bidding highest bid. The Clerk of the Circuit Court acts as Trustees' Agent in each county. After the sale, the Agent prepares a report of bidding and transmits to the Trustees with money collected at sale. The bidding

> reports come to the Trustees in duplicate. They are then passed on by Trustees and marked according to action taken. Copy of report is returned to the Agent of the Trustees, and thereupon he prepares deeds for all bids which were accepted.
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> Deeds are then sent to the Trustees in duplicate, are examined in the Trustees' office, compared with advertisement, checked against the certificate list held by the Trustees, and when deed is completely checked, presented to the Trustees for execution. Deed is then returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court and by him delivered to purchaser.
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> Money is accounted for in a special fund. Since the legislature made no disposition of such funds under Chapter 18296, it is held in a special fund to be distributed upon proper authorization.

Governor Holland inquired from what source the expenses had been paid. Mr. Elliot replied that expenses had been paid from moneys collected and that about 4.4% of collections had been so used. The balance—approximately 95.6% was on deposit with the State Treasurer.

Mr. Mayo stated that in several instances the procedure had been changed as to requiring a minimum bid of 25% of the 1932 assessed value; that such cases where there were boom time subdivisions, which property was not now worth the then 1932 assessed value, the minimum bid had been decreased. Also in cases of municipalities or Federal projects where a less amount was approved because of use to which the property would be put. Again in cases where buildings had been burned or removed and the present value was greatly reduced from the 1932 values.

Mr. Watson asked if all sales authorized by the former board had been consummated. Mr. Elliot stated that nearly everything had been cleared up.

Mr. Watson suggested that the present Board, since there were three new members, might like to pass on sales before deeds were executed and thought the same ought to be discussed.

Governor Holland inquired if the signatures on the deeds were actual signatures of the members, or were they the authorized signatures. All members were of the opinion that because of the great press of work on each, it was entirely proper that each should authorize some one in his office to sign for him, each member to acknowledge such to be his signature.

Governor Holland inquired what portion of the lands coming to the State under Chapter 18296 remained unsold. Mr. Elliot stated that he could not make a definite statement, but that he believed about 20% of the lands according to the number of certificates had been sold which included the best of the property.

It was explained that where there were no irregularities in bidding, and the amount bid was 25% of the 1932 assessed value, or more, unless there were protests or some other reason for rejecting the bids, the sale went through as indicated by the bidding report; that where irregularities existed or protests had been filed, the same were brought to the Trustees' attention for consideration and passing thereon.

Governor Holland asked if Mr. Elliot had made an estimate of the acreage that remained. Mr. Elliot said he had not; that there was practically no way of estimating the acreage since a great portion was in lots with no size given.

The Governor asked if the Trustees had field agents to report on these lands and give the Trustees information as to character and value. Mr. Elliot replied that frequently inquiry was made of some one in the County who was familiar with the land, usually a county officer; also that the Trustees had a Field Agent who could be called on for making examinations when considered necessary.

Mr. Watson stated he still did not know what his duty was in regard to signing deeds when they were laid before him for signature; that he preferred not to sign any deeds until he had opportunity to examine into the rules and regulations adopted by the Trustees relating to such sales.

Comptroller Lee remarked that he had not agreed with a majority of the board with reference to certain rules and regulations, especially the minimum bid as he felt it tended to reduce offers for the land, but since it was the wish of the majority, he had voted with them regardless of how he felt personally.

Mr. Mayo stated that the reason for fixing the minimum bid was because in the cases of the earliest sales, which were under sealed bids, the amount offered was so ridiculously low that it was necessary to reject practically all of them; that frequently there would be lots bid in as low as ten cents each.

Inquiry was made as to deposit of money. Mr. Elliot stated that prior to December, the money representing the minimum bid was required to be deposited when application for purchase was made, but at the present time the only deposit required was amount of costs, being the Clerk's fee and advertising cost; that when the land was sold at public outcry, the highest bidder puts up the amount of his bid plus costs, unless he be the applicant to purchase, in which case the costs would be returned to applicant and the successful bidder paid such costs.

Reference was made to recent sale of property in Tampa,, formerly owned by Best Foods, Inc. The property was valuable and was applied for by a non-owner at a very small price. The former owner through Attorney James R. Boyd of Jacksonville, offered to pay all taxes and costs provided the Trustees would accept and not permit the property to go to sale. The Comptroller thought the Trustees should accept the amount of taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and consider the matter disposed of, but the Attorney General ruled that under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, the property must go to sale and be bid off in the regular manner.

Mr. Watson stated that he knew of the above incident and desired time to study the rules and regulations before he signed any deeds.

Thereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson that in view of the necessity of the three new members studying the rules and regulations, and familiarizing themselves with the procedure, that no new deeds be signed prior to February 1st. Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.

The Comptroller stated that he advocated running an advertisement once in each county to the effect that the State would receive bids on any property which reverted to the State under the Murphy Act, from day to day, and any one could place his bid with the Trustees' Agent. The bid would be sent to Tallahassee for acceptance or rejection by the Trustees.

Mr. Mayo stated that this would result in a sealed bid proposition and he believed better prices would be procured by bidding at public outcry.

Governor Holland said he believed the next legislature would set up a specific law for handling these reverted lands, and since the Trustees had been handling the sales and knew of the problems in connection therewith, certainly they would be in position to make suggestions and recommendations. Mr. Elliot informed the board that he was accumulating information as to problems which had arisen.

In view of the motion for postponement of execution of deeds, the Secretary asked if it would not be advisable to suspened sales in order to avoid an accumulation. The suggestion was discussed and dates for suspension and resumption of sales considered. Resulting from the discussion, Mr. Watson moved that Mr. Elliot be instructed to advise each Clerk of the Circuit Court by wire to accept no applications for purchase of Murphy Act lands from the time it is received till after February 15th next; also that all applications now on hand be advertised not later than January 18th; also that all sales heretofore advertised and now pending, with sales dates fixed, be proceeded with in the regular manner. Upon motion seconded and adopted, Mr. Elliot was instructed to get the wires out immediately. Mr. Elliot stated they would go out in the afternoon.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 16, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF LAND UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Governor stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of taking action on request from Hillsborough County that the Trustees deed to the County certain parcels which were omitted through error from former deed; that the land had been properly advertised and sale regularly held, and it was very necessary that they be conveyed as early as possible as the Government required that the County take title to all land before work may be begun on the Airport at Tampa. Information was furnished that the bid of $1000., set forth in Deed No. 625 dated December 31, 1940, included the tracts now applied for.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees make exception to the rules adopted January 9th, 1941 and issue deed in favor of Hillsborough County for the tracts omitted from Deed No. 625.

Upon discussion as to consideration to be entered in the deed, it was decided that One Dollar (Nominal consideration) be recited in the deed, with reference made therein to consideration in original deed as covering land described in supplemental deed here authorized.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Bills were submitted for miscellaneous items, expense accounts and other mid-month bills, but owing to absence of the two hold-over members, action was deferred to a future meeting.

At the meeting on January 9th, 1941, the Treasurer having requested list of employees on the Trustees' payroll, and such list having been furnished by the Secretary, the board went into executive session.

Following the executive session, the Attorney General moved that based on the policy heretofore in vogue with the board, the personnel in the Internal Improvement Fund set-up be selected by the board with recognition accorded the individual membership in doing same; that the next regular meeting of the board be set as the time for considering such personnel, and all action up to the present time be deemed as temporary. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Financial Statement for the month of December is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1940

RECEIPTS

Various land sales	$ 1,009.11	
Timber lease	206.25	
Grazing lease	63.00	
Mineral lease	48.75	
Sand, Shell and Gravel leases	265.45	
Fishing campsite lease	22.50	
Pipe line permit No. 54	75.00	
Sale of one copy of Minutes	2.00	
Reimbursement of expense S. S. Savage on account of work done for an individual	102.65	
Refund check No. 10762 dated 2-27-1937 drawn on Atlantic Natl. Bank, Jacksonville, in favor of A. C. Bridges on account subsequent salary arrangements	50.00	
Total receipts during month	$ 1,844.71	
Balance on hand December 1, 1940	170,162.63	
	$172,007.34	
Less disbursements	2,148.55	
Balance December 31, 1940		$169,858.79

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 31, 1940

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$138,047.16	
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	13,990.32	
Total amount in banks		$169,858.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1940	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Dec. 13,	11846	Capital Office Supply Co.	$ .60
	11847	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.39
	11848	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.97
	11849	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.91

	11850	Cancelled	
	11851	M. C. McIntosh	14.66
	11852	F. A. Currie	135.00
	11853	Palm Beach Publications	183.00
	11854	Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C.	18.70
	11855	W. B. Granger	15.75
	11856	S. S. Savage	244.05
	11857	F. E. Bayless, Jr.	78.65
	11858	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	7.75
	11859	S. S. Savage	164.12
Dec. 31,	11860	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11861	F. E. Bayless, Jr.	275.00
	11862	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11863	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11864	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11865	H. L. Shearer	50.00
		Total disbursements for December 1940	$ 2,148.55

ACCOUNT UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Balance December 1, 1940	$454,671.49	
Receipts during month—land sales	138,663.32	
	$593,334.81	
Less disbursements	3,256.25	
Balance December 31, 1940		$590,078.56

BALANCES IN BANKS DECEMBER 31, 1940

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$585,451.79	
Capital City Bank, Tallahasse, Fla.	4,626.77	
Total amount in banks		$590,078.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1940	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Dec. 10	245	A. N. Kennedy	$ 692.50
	246	L. L. Knight	73.50
	247	L. A. Knight	55.00
	248	R. W. Sanders	255.00
	249	Archie R. Harris	91.00

	250	A. N. Kennedy	42.50
	251	Monarch Orange Company	90.00
	252	Rodolphus W. Howland	3.50
16	253	Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C.	2.50
	254	Putnam Lumber Company	30.00
18	255	Capital City Publishing Co.	21.45
	256	Capital Office Supply Co.	10.17
	257	J. M. Lee, Comptroller	20.31
	258	R. B. Underwood, C.C.C.	63.56
	259	Railway Express Agency	.25
	260	H. E. Carter	27.50
	261	M. C. McIntosh	7.86
	262	Myrtle M. Culbreath, C.C.C.	7.00
	263	Capital City Publishing Co.	26.25
	264	Capital City Publishing Co.	37.90
31	265	Frank C. Pelot	175.00
	266	Helen Phillips	110.00
	267	Mary Evans Voss	85.00
	268	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	269	M. O. Barco	25.00
	270	A. C. Bridges	275.00
	271	Juanita Williams	150.00
	272	R. F. Vason	85.00
	273	F. C. Elliot	50.00
26	274	Harry R. Klein	255.00
	275	J. E. Sims	60.00
	276	Florida Sontaw, Inc.	25.00
	277	W. Z. Carson, C.C.C.	2.50
	278	Wilson H. Hunter	376.00
		Total disbursements for December, 1940	$ 3,256.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 28, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937 .

James M. Owens, Jr., Tax Assessor, J. A. Arnette, Clerk Circuit Court, and John I. Leonard, County Supt. of Public Instruction, for Palm Beach County, came before the Trustees and reported irregularities in connection with Murphy Act sales. Special reference was made to two cases where former owners had not received notice of sale; that one piece of property was sold to Harry Klein for $75 and report was that he had been offered $1500 cash for the parcel. Another parcel sold to him for $47.50 was worth at least $2000.00; that statement had been made to County officials by former owners that they did not receive notice of sale, although the Clerk's office advised notices had been sent.

Mr. Owens informed the board that he felt sure there should be a change in procedure of sales as the State was not receiving anything like what the land should bring and the County objected to these lands being sold to speculators for small amounts; that the 1932 assessed value was not an indication of the worth of the land; that the method of advertising was causing dissatisfaction, as applicants did not feel they should be required to put up advertising costs. and other fees and then have the Trustees reject the bid, with no way of getting back the costs.

Suggestion was made that a general advertisement be run in the newspapers to the effect that the Trustees would sell lands which vested in the State under Chapter 18296, with sale to begin on a certain date and continue from day to day, and that description of the lands to be sold could be examined on the list filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. On date of sale the Clerk would receive bids with description of the land; the Tax Assessor could then be notified of bids received and furnish the Clerk with appraisal of the property. A check of the title would disclose whether the bidder was the owner of the property or a speculator. This information and the bid would be sent to the Trustees with recommendation of the Clerk. Then if the bid was rejected the applicant would not lose any money.

Mr. Watson stated that while he did not agree with Mr. Owens entirely, he thought he was on the right track.

Questions were asked as to what investigation was made as to the value of the land, and information was given that the Clerk, as Agent for the Trustees, being familiar with land in his county made recommendation as to whether or not bids should be accepted.

The Governor asked Mr. Elliot to outline the manner in which sales were held by the Clerks, which he did.

General discussion was had as to working out a policy for handling sales under Chapter 18296 and it was suggested that the Clerks and Tax Assessors get their suggestions together and make recommendations to the Trustees so that a method of procedure may be worked out.

The Secretary was requested to confer with Messrs. Arnette, Owens and Leonard with a view to submitting facts in the special cases called to the attention of the Trustees and submit report at the afternoon meeting.

Mr. James R. Boyd, representing Best Foods, Inc., having stated that he desired to submit a matter with reference to bid of his client on Hillsborough County land, was requested to present his case in writing at the afternoon meeting.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 2:30 P. M.

TWO-THIRTY P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning, with the entire membership present.

Mr. James R. Boyd, representing Best Foods, Inc., submitted written statement with reference to sale of property in Hillsborough County formerly owned by his company but which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, such statement being in substance as follows:

''December 15, 1940, Best Foods, Inc., was notified by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County that Lots 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, Block 40, Harris Terminals, Hillsborough County, Florida, would be offered for sale December 23, 1940, for failure to pay 1931-1933 taxes. On December 19, 1940, James R. Boyd, Attorney for said Company, called at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County and offered to pay all delinquent taxes, but was informed that this could not be done, and suggestion made to contact the applicant to purchase, Regal Investment Company. The Attorney General of the State was then communicated with which resulted in the Company's Attorney making a plane trip to Tallahassee for meeting with the Trustees. In meeting with the Trustees offer was again made to pay all delinquent taxes, but upon advice from the Attorney General (which was not concurred in by all members), the Trustees declined to accept. Suggestion was made by the Attorney General that an attempt be made to work out something with Regal Investment Company. Said Company was contacted and information received that bid would be withdrawn for a fee of $1000. Exchange of telephone calls and telegrams with the Trustees followed. Request was made by Best Foods, Inc., that the property be withdrawn from sale but absence of the Trustees from the Capitol during the Xmas holidays prevented action being taken promptly, and it was not till the 28th of December that a meeting could be had and the Clerk notified to withdraw the land from sale. This information did not reach attorney for Best Foods, Inc., until the morning of December 30th when the office of the Clerk of Hillsborough County advised him of such action.

Upon a study of the protest rules which follow withdrawal of property from sale, Regal Investment Company was again contacted and agreement reached whereby they would represent Best Foods, Inc., at the sale. The Trustees were then requested to allow sale to proceed, which was agreed to and sale was made in favor of Best Foods, Inc.; Deeds and other necessary papers were then taken to Tallahassee and in conference with the Attorney General the Attorney for Best

> Foods, Inc., was advised that since the bid was not equal to full amount of taxes the matter would have to be acted on by the board. A meeting was held December 31st with three members present—Comptroller, Attorney General and Commissioner of Agriculture—resulting in adoption of a motion made by the Attorney General to the effect that if Best Foods, Inc., would raise its bid to the full amount of delinquent taxes, without interest, deed would be issued."

Mr. Boyd informed the Trustees that his Company had spent approximately $250 on telephone calls, telegrams and transportation, in trying to protect the property in question, and in addition had settled with Regal Investment Company in order to eliminate them as competitive bidders. He urged that the Trustees rescind the motion made by Attorney General Gibbs and confirm sale of December 30th, 1940.

In a general discussion of the case, it was brought out that at former meetings Mr. Lee and Mr. Mayo had advised Mr. Boyd not to pay Regal Investment Company to withdraw from bidding on the land as the Trustees were willing to go the limit of their authority to protect former owners from losing their property. Also that the present Attorney General had advised Mr. Boyd not to pay the Investment Company any amount. However, in order to save his company from having to bid up to the real value of the property he had decided to make a deal with them.

Upon request from the Trustees, Mr. Boyd stated that his company had paid Regal Investment Company $850 to bid the land in for Best Foods, Inc.

Motion was made by Attorney General Watson, but withdrawn in favor of the following motion by Comptroller Lee:

> "That the Trustees authorize sale of Lots 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8, Block 40, Harris Terminals, Hillsborough County, as reported in sale of December 30th, 1940, to Best Foods, Inc., upon payment of the full amount of delinquent taxes, without interest,—$1844.40—less $850 incurred by Best Foods, Inc., as explained by Mr. Boyd, or a total purchase price of $944.40."

Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. W. L. Stanley, Mr. Bolling C. Stanley and Judge W. J. Oven, representing the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, were present and Mr. Bolling Stanley informed the board of the difficulty his Company was having with reference to Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937—the Murphy Act. That numbers of these certificates had been erroneously issued against railroad property, but with sales being made all along it was impossible to check all descriptions and have the railroad property eliminated from sale; that only 16 counties of the 67 had been checked by them and in those counties the matter could be handled, but the unchecked counties were giving trouble. Mr. Stanley asked if it would be possible for the Trustees to have inserted in the deeds a reservation excepting railroad property, similar to reservations for State Roads, until a check of all counties could be made; that they were attempting to have certificates cancelled and making the check as rapidly as possible, but it was a long and tedious job and in the meantime the company's property was being deeded into private ownership.

The Attorney General advised that the Trustees could not include reservation for railroads as requested and asked if there were not some other way this matter could be handled.

Various suggestions were offered as a solution of the problem, and it was agreed that the matter be worked out between Mr. Elliot and Mr. Stanley in line with the Governor's suggestion, that when reports were received by the Secretary Mr. Stanley could have lists of his company's holdings checked against such report and thus prevent sale of their lands.

Messrs. Owens, Arnette and Leonard, County officials of Palm Beach County, came in for further discussion of procedure in sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and with special reference to two sales where land was sold and the former owner had no notice of proposed sale.

Mr. Arnette stated that he had checked with his office and no record could be found where notice had been given former owners.

The Trustees were of the opinion that since deed had been delivered to Mr. Klein, with no protest having been filed to sale, there was nothing to be done about these two cases; that study was being made for formulating plans in connection with Murphy Act sales and cases of the kind presented would be taken into consideration.

Mr. Owens was asked if he thought the Tax Assessors would be willing to give information as to character and value of lands in order to assist the Trustees in determining values of property under the Murphy Act.

Upon questioning it was learned that the price being asked by Mr. Klein was not unreasonable for conveying property to the two former owners in view of the real value of the parcels as reported by the County officials.

Mr. Arnette stated that Mr. Klein had sent him word, before he left West Palm Beach, that he desired to see him and it was assumed that he desired to discuss these two cases with him; that he felt sure something satisfactory could be worked out along the lines suggested.

The Trustees thanked the delegation from Palm Beach County for the information furnished and requested that they submit any suggestions they might deem helpful in working out the plans for future sales under Chapter 18296.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida.
January 29, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

The following bills amounting to $3,016.81 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer—January Salary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—January Salary	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer—January Salary	175.00

Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer—January Salary	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—January Salary	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time—January Salary	50.00
Tyrus A. Norwood, Asst. Atty. Gen.	61.10
J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	20.00
William J. Fritsch, Toledo, Ohio	42.80
Sugar Bowl Drainage District—Taxes on State land	164.16
The Amphitrite Corporation, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	1,000.00
Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co., St. Louis, Mo.	36.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.15
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.07
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	9.86
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General, Tallahassee	29.20
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	18.50
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	152.75
Miami Daily News, Miami, Fla.	21.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	64.07
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	103.90
	$3,016.81

BILLS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The following bills amounting to $2,137.15 were approved and checks ordered issued in payment therefor:

Frank Pelot, Clerk—January Salary	$ 175.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk & Stenographer—January Salary	110.00
Mary Evans Voss, Verifier—January Salary	85.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer, Pt. Time—January Salary	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer, Pt. Time—January Salary	25.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant & Bookkeeper—January Salary	275.00
Juanita Williams, Clerk & Stenographer—January Salary	150.00
R. F. Vason, Verifier—January Salary	85.00
F. C. Elliot, Secty & Engineer, Pt. Time—January Salary	50.00
J. M. Lee, Comptroller, Tallahassee, Fla.	6.58
Capital Office Supply Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	3.70

James E. Connor, C.C.C. Citrus County	159.36
Remington-Rand, Inc., Jacksonville, Fla.	157.50
Commercial Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	21.90
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	18.00
D. H. Sloan, C.C.C., Polk County	659.08
O. P. Herndon, C.C.C., Seminole County	62.80
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.40
M. C. McIntosh, Asst. Atty. General	31.93
Frank C. Pelot, Expenses trip to Daytona Beach	4.90
	$2,137.15

The following refund checks were issued during January under authority of November 29, 1940:

W. R. Linton, Jefferson County	$ 60.00
L. P. Black & Marie Zoellner, Orange County	100.00
Geo. O. Butler, C.C.C., Palm Beach County	105.00
W. P. Shelley, Jr., Jefferson County	15.00
Mrs. Myrtle M. Culbreath, C.C.C., Hillsborough County	392.60
B. H. Sadler & Ruthie Sadler, Manatee County	25.00
Rayonier, Inc., Putnam County	20.00
I. M. Woodward, Sumter County	5.00
Total	$722.60

J. B. Carlton, Lee County	$ 55.72
Langley Bell, C.C.C., Escambia County	5.00
L. L. Currie, C.C.C., Dixie County	37,25
Oscar Bodeman, Palm Beach County	293.50
Wm. H. McNally, Hillsborough County	17.50
W. G. Burch, Columbia County	25.00
Charlotte Lee Land Co., Charlotte County	2.50
Mary Thomas, Hillsborough County	29.50
J. M. Bolen & Annie O. Bolen, Volusia County	5.00
Total	$470.97

Esther Draughon, C.C.C., Lee County	$135.00

Upon motion duly adopted the meeting adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 4, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office af the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Application was submitted from James N. Fielding of West Palm Beach, on behalf of client F. P. Lindley, offering $50 an acre for approximately 5 acres of marginal land, lying between upland property of Mr. Lindley and the waters of Lake Osborn in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. Information was furnished that the Trustees had recently sold land similarly located at a price of $75 an acre to upland owners.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to decline offer of $50 an acre for land applied for by Mr. Fielding, however, it was agreed to accept $75 an acre for the five-acre tract.

Application was submitted from Lewis Taylor for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 57 covering land in Township 35 South, Range 31 East—111.31 acres in Highlands County. Payment to be at the same rate as original lease—10 cents an acre.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees declined to renew lease on a basis of ten cents an acre, but agreed to renewal for a period of one year upon payment of 15 cents an acre.

Mr. Bayless reported that J. M. and Ethel Chapman of Butts, Missouri, held individual State and County tax certificate No. 513 on Lots 27 and 28, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, title to the lots having come to the State through foreclosure of purchase money mortgage.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees redeem tax certificate No. 513 held by J. M. and Ethel Chapman and check was authorized drawn in amount of $18.10.

S. A. Patrick of Wewahitchka, Florida, on behalf of W. G. Hardy, offers 12½ cents per cup for four year turpentine lease on 120.87 acres of State land in Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County. Report from the Field Agent estimated the timber at 31,000 feet with a value of $5 per thousand.

Mr. Lee moved to decline offer of 12½ cents per cup for the lease. Seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted. Motion then made by Mr. Lee to accept 15 cents per cup for four year lease on the timber applied for by Mr. Patrick. Seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that recently the Trustees leased to George W. Whitehurst Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County; that complaint has come from Mr. Whitehurst that a party by the name of Lonnie Hough is in possession of the land and it is requested that he be removed from the premises; also that Mr. Hough is using other State land without permission from the Trustees.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Attorney General look into the matter of adverse possession and that Mr. Bayless take up the matter of adjustment of lease and trespass on State land.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of $6 an acre from J. Louie Carter, West Palm Beach, for 80 acres of marginal land on Lake Osborn, in Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 43 East.

Mr. Bayless reported that some weeks ago Slocum Naval Stores Co., of Newark, N. J., offered to deed the Trustees 320 acres of land in Orange County as they had no further use for the property; that upon investigation the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Orange County advised that all taxes had been paid on the tract through the year 1938 and that 1939 and 1940 taxes amounted to $43.43.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept deed from Slocum Naval Stores Company conveying 320 acres of land located in Section 17, Township 24 South, Range 28 East, and in Section 31, Township 24 South, Range 27 East—Orange County.

The Attorney General was requested to advise the Trustees on the question of tax situation with reference to lien prior to time of deed to the Trustees.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $40 an acre from Joseph Hutner for Lot 6 between Townships 53 and 54 South, Range 40 East—329.30 acres in Dade County. It was reported that there was considerable activity in small farms in that section and the land was probably worth more than the price offered.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Field Agent was directed to make investigation of land values in that locality and report to the Board before action was taken.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to have investigation and report on value of land in Section 35, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, offer of $5 an acre having been presented from E. P. Scarborough of Lakeport, Florida.

Report was submitted from the Field Agent that trespass of 23 units of pulpwood had been committed by R. W. Hancock, Palatka, Florida, on land in Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 25 East, Putnam County; that Mr. Hancock admitted the trespass and agreed to make payment at the rate of 75 cents per unit.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline payment for trespass by Mr. Hancock at the rate of 75 cents per unit, but it was agreed to make settlement on the basis of $1.30 per unit.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $125 an acre from J. M. Griffin of Vilas, Florida, for approximately 6½ acres of marginal land located between property owned by Mr. Griffin and the Belle Glade-Clewiston Highway, Palm Beach County, in Township 44 South, Range 35 East.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees declined offer of $15 an acre from Walter Hayn of West Palm Beach, Florida, for reclaimed lake bottom land on

Lake Clark, Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East—Palm Beach County.

Offer of $5 an acre was presented from W. Whidden, Palmdale, Florida, for Tract 3, Section 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, being marginal land between the meander line and right of way of Okeechobee Levee south of Lakeport.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to have investigation made of the land applied for and report submitted as soon as possible. Action was postponed pending receipt of report.

Application was presented from Charles Ausley, Attorney of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of client—Mrs. George F. Baker—for lease of approximately 250 acres of waste land forming a part of Lake Iamonia. Information was furnished that Mrs. Baker owned adjacent property and desired to put in a dam with a view to creating a lake to be stocked with fish and for attracting water fowl. Rental of $50 annually was offered for a five year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that a five year lease be authorized in favor of Mrs. Baker upon payment of $50 annually, conditioned that a dam and other improvements be constructed as proposed in the application. Seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had been in communication with two parties desiring grazing lease on 125.11 acres of State land in Township 35 South, Range 31 East, North of Lake Istokpoga in Highlands County; applicants being Thomas A. Cason of Lorida, and L. L. Lininger.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Bayless continue his negotiations with Messrs. Cason and Lininger and report to the Trustees when completed.

Application was submitted from Henry J. Goodman, Sarasota, making an offer of $50 for approximately One-half acre of submerged land lying between two tracts of land owned by him in Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County. It was stated that applicant desired the strip in order to eliminate squatters and other undesirable parties.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that offer of $50 be accepted for the parcel applied for by Mr. Goodman.

Offer of $25 annually was presented from George E. Holt, on behalf of client—Baron DeHirsch Meyer, for five year lease on an acre of mud flats in Biscayne Bay, located south of Key Biscayne, to be used as a fishing camp site.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted offer of $25 per annum for five year lease on tract applied for by Mr. Holt.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of $10 from Perry A. Nichols, representing Miami Squadron of the United States Power Squadron, for one year lease on an acre of submerged land surrounding an old abandoned concrete boat lying south of Key Biscayne in Dade County. The tract was desired for training purposes.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept the offer from Mr. Nichols for a year's lease on the tract described.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $100 from D. E. Prescott of Wewahitchka, Florida, for the purchase of the SE¼ and NE¼ of Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, Gulf County. Report from the Field Agent estimated the value of the land at $476.50.

Application was presented from R. E. Padgett requesting renewal of grazing lease No. 58, covering 150 acres of State land in Sections 12 and 13, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County; payment to be at the rate of Fifteen Cents an acre annually.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to allow renewal of grazing lease in favor of Mr. Padgett for a period of one year from January 1st, 1941, upon payment of Fifteen Cents an acre.

Offer of $10 per thousand was presented from B. O. Woodward of Lake Placid for pine timber located on Sections 4 and 9, Township 39 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County. Report from the Field Agent estimated approximately 46,400 feet of pine on the two sections.

Motion was made seconded and duly adopted to accept $10 per thousand feet for pine timber on the land applied for by Mr. Woodward.

Request was presented from Duval Engineering & Contracting Company for renewal of shell lease which expired October 31, 1940, on the same terms of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all shell removed.

Mr. Bayless reported that this Company paid into the State from November 30, 1937 to October 31, 1940, the sum of $34,410.73.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew lease in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company for a period of three years upon the same terms and conditions. Form of lease to be approved by the Attorney General.

Offer of $400 was presented from D. Graham Copeland, Everglades, Florida, for timber on the NW¼ of Section 26, Township 51 South, Range 32 East, Collier County.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $400 for the timber located on State land in Section 26, Township 51 South, Range 32 East —Collier County.

Offer of $50 an acre was presented from Charles B. Cleveland, on behalf of John L. Patten, for 13.61 acres of submerged land in Section 2, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $50 an acre from Mr. Patten.

Request was presented from Benton-Manson Company, Inc., St. Petersburg, for renewal of shell lease, with an offer of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all material removed; operations to be on both sides of the Government Channel in Tampa Bay south of Gadsden Point.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew Shell Lease in favor of Benton-Manson Company for a period of one year upon payment of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all material taken, conditioned upon approval of such renewal by the Conservation Commissioner.

Application was submitted from Daniels Towing & Salvage Company, Miami, Florida, for renewal of sand permit in an area on the ocean side of Bear's Cut, south of Virginia Key, in Dade County; payment to be at the rate of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all material removed.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew Sand Lease in favor of Daniels Towing & Salvage Company for a period of one year, upon payment of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all material removed.

Miami Quarter-Deck Club of Miami, requests renewal of lease on two acres of submerged land in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, for which an offer of $25 is made. The parcel is desired as a fishing camp site.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew lease in favor of Miami Quarter-Deck Club for a period of one year upon payment of $25., the Club to be notified that rental of $50 will be charged at the expiration of renewal period.

On November 14, 1940, the Trustees agreed to sell to John L. Patten approximately 24 acres of submerged areas in Dumfoundling Bay, Dade County, such sale to be subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Pursuant to action taken, the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, on December 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, 1940, and January 2nd, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, December 2, 1940

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, January 14, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in DADE County, Florida:

TRACT NO. 1

Beginning at an iron pipe set in the center line of Collins Avenue on the North line of Gulf Stream Park, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 35, at page 51, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida. Thence due West along the North line of said Gulf Stream Park Subdivision and the prolongation West thereof for a distance of 3,350.00 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described and also the beginning of a tangential circular curve; thence

Southerly, Westerly and Northerly along said curve, having a radius of 175 feet, through a central angle of 180° 0′ and 0″ for an arc distance of 549.78 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 15° 0′ 0″ East for a distance of 950 feet to the beginning of a tangential circular curve; thence Northerly, Easterly and Southerly along said curve having a radius of 175 feet, through a central angle of 180° 0′ 0″ for an arc distance of 549.78 feet to the end of said curve; thence South 15° 0′ 0″ West for a distance of 950 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9.84 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Dumfoundling Bay, Dade County, Florida.

TRACT NO. 2

Beginning at an iron pipe set in the center line of Collins Avenue on the North line of Gulf Stream Park, a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 35, at Page 51, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence due West along the North line of said Gulf Stream Park Subdivision and the prolongation West thereof for a distance of 3,350 feet to a point; thence South 35° 0′ 0″ West for a distance of 750 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence continuing South 35° 0′ 0″ West for a distance of 550 feet to the beginning of a tangential circular curve; thence Southerly, Westerly and Northerly along said curve having a radius of 300 feet through a central angle of 180° 0′ 0″ for an arc distance of 942.48 feet to the end of said curve; thence North 35° 0′ 0″ East for a distance of 550 feet to the beginning of a tangential curve. Thence Northerly, Easterly and Southerly along said curve having a radius of 300 feet through a central angle of 180° 0′ 0″ for an arc distance of 942.48 feet to the end of said curve and the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described. Containing 14.07 acres, more or less, and lying and being in Dumfoundling Bay, Dade County, Florida.

THIS NOTICE is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

FRED P. CONE,
Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No meeting of the Trustees having been held January 14th, sale was postponed to this date, and upon information that there were no objections filed motion was made seconded and adopted that sale to Mr. Patten, client of Charles B. Cleveland, be consummated at a price of $125 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

Offer of $308.43 was submitted from G. A. Hubbell of Belle Glade, Florida, to purchase land covered by Everglades Drainage tax Certificates Nos. 1229 and 1230 of the sale of 1927, and No. 1022 of the sale of 1929. Mr. Elliot stated that the amount the Trustees had in the land was $280.40 and applicant was former owner of the property.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $308.43 for the land covered by above certificates, deed to be issued conveying the land subject to special assessment taxes subsequent to 1931.

The Secretary presented offer of $485 from Edward D. Shoor to purchase Lots 11, 12, 13 and 15—W. B. Harvard's Subdivision of Sarasota. Information was given that the lots came to the State through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, decree covering the four lots being in amount of $338.13.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $485 from Mr. Shoor, and deed was authorized executed in his favor.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to quit claim statutory reservations in Deed No. 58-36—Sarasota County—in favor of N. G. Robertson, upon payment of $5 which was the offer made for such release.

Application was presented from E. Friedman, County Engineer, on behalf of Dade County, for permission to use the spoil banks of that part of Snapper Creek Canal located in Sections 1, 12 and 13, Township 54 South, Range 39 East, Dade County, by removing a portion of the material and leaving the remainder for a road paralleling the canal.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant permission to Dade County to make use of the spoil banks along Snapper Creek Canal as requested, conditioned that similar permission is obtained from Everglades Drainage District.

Letter was presented from R. L. Dowling, former Conservation Commissioner, advising that the Trustees' Launch ''Josephine'' would not be needed by the Department any longer and was ready to be turned over to the Trustees. Mr. Elliot reported that the launch had been loaned to the Conservation Board and had been used by that Department since May 1937.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Elliot make an examination as to condition of the Boat and report to the Trustees, after which it would be turned over to the new Conservation Commissioner for use by his department.

Offer was submitted from L. R. Godwin of 1½ cents and 2 cents each for posts 7 feet long, three inches at top, to be taken from Levy County land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of 1½ and 2 cents each for posts to be taken from State land, but it was agreed to sell the posts at a price of 5 cents each for split or round posts seven feet long and not over three inches in diameter at the small end; larger posts to be paid for proportionately at the five cents rate.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offers of $2 and $3 an acre for land in Levy County which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, application having been made by Lester Mikell of Morriston.

Application was presented from Theodore Dehon, Stuart, Florida, on behalf of client, to lease for grazing purposes Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 38 South Range 39 East, Martin County, with an offer of

10 cents an acre annually for such lease. Applicant also applied to purchase the land and suggested a price of 10 per cent of 1932 assessed value.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees declined offer to lease or sell at the prices suggested. It was agreed, however, to allow lease at a price of 15 cents an acre annually.

Request was submitted from State Road Department for R/W easement across State Lands in Polk County, to be used in connection with State Road No. 8, Project 605, SRD 412.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant R/W 100 feet wide in favor of the State Road Department for use of Polk County land, to be used in connection with State Road No. 8 and designated as:

> A portion of Lake Gordon, in the S½ of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 27 East, Polk County.

Request was presented from McDill Field Air Base Headquarters for use of certain areas along the West Coast, from Hudson to Cedar Key, to be used as practice bombing ranges for the Army Air Corps units, with the following locations suggested:

1. Small island off Rainbow Point, located between Indian Bay and Bay Port.
2. Any one of the Homasassa Islands.
3. Delta Marsh of the Waccasassa River.

Statement was made that no high explosive bombs would be used and that the areas would be patrolled prior to and during bombing to insure that danger area be clear of boats.

Motion was made and duly adopted that request from McDill Field Army Air Base be granted and that proper permit or lease be issued.

The Secretary submitted statement showing distribution of moneys received from lands in Levy County which came to the State through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to approve statement as submitted and checks were ordered drawn as follows:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, deposit to General Revenue Fund		
Master's Deed dated 4-5-32	$ 68.29	
Master's Deed dated 8-30-32	161.27	
Master's Deed dated 8-30-32	1,073.32	$1,302.88
Received from sale of timber on lands in Levy County owned by Trustees of I. I. Fund by virtue of Chapter 14572, 1929.		
Board of County Commissioners of Levy County		
Master's Deed dated 4-5-32	$ 446.31	
Master's Deed dated 8-30-32	1,054.06	
Master's Deed dated 8-30-32	7,015.01	$8,515.38
Received from sale of timber on lands in Levy County owned by Trustees of I. I. Fund by virtue of Chapter 14572, 1929		
J. M. & Ethel E. Chapman Butts, Missouri	$ 18.10	18.10
		$9,836.36

Mr. Bayless reported that the following items had been authorized by the Trustees prior to January 1st, 1941, but had not been consummated, and that it would be necessary for the present board to execute the various papers:

1. Timber lease in favor of R. E. Burchard, for a period of one year from January 16, 1941—640 acres of land being Section 9, Township 46 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County. Consideration $271.50. Authorized Dec. 19, 1940.
2. Grazing lease in favor of R. E. Padgett, for the period ending January 1, 1942, upon payment of 15 cents an acre for land in Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County. December 19, 1940.
3. Adjustment of Mortgage No. 18192-A from C. A. Shive—balance due $1,022.58—full settlement allow-

ed upon payment of $1000 cash. 14.8 acres in Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. December 19, 1940.

4. Grazing lease in favor of V. F. Edwards for a period of 5 years on 240 acres of land in Section 20, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County. December 19, 1940.
5. Acceptance of $100 from Marion and Sadie L. Moore for SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 1, Township 3 South, Range 16 East, 240 acres in Columbia County. December 19, 1940.
6. Release of reservations in favor of Frank and Susan Rozelle on Lot 11, Section 17, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Okeelanta Plantation Company's Plat No. 2, Palm Beach County. Consideration $5. December 19, 1940.
7. Sale to Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County of Tract 28, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County for the sum of $100. Tract to be used for school purposes and deed to contain reversion clause. Authorized December 17, 1940.
8. Sale to J. B. Grant at a price of $200 an acre, 8.44 acres of land in Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. Authorized December 19, 1940.
9. Sale to Roy Robinson, represented by J. H. Peeples, of 40 acres of land described as Lot 4, Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, at a price of $5 an acre. Authorized November 22, 1940.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the foregoing instruments be approved for execution and delivery.

Mr. Bayless submitted request from the State Road Department for partial release of mortgage executed by W. B. Harvard in favor of the Trustees. Road Department has quit claim deed from Mr. Harvard to the parcel desired in connection with State Road work. No action taken.

Letter was presented from J. W. Eaton of Osteen, Florida, submitting proposal to collect amounts due the

Trustees for trespass of timber and turpentine on State land in Volusia County, estimated at from three to six million feet of timber and from sixty to seventy-five thousand turpentine cups. Settlement to be on the following basis:

> Mr. Eaton to have land surveyed where collections can be made; timber cruised; pay attorney's fees if any. Payment to be 50% of collections made.

Mr. Eaton being present informed the Trustees that trespass was being committed on State land proper as well as land which came to the State under Chapter 18296; that he had been employed by the County to check on trespass but when reported to the Grand Jury nothing was ever done about it. The names of several parties were given as trespassing on State land.

Mr. Eaton was asked to retire from the meeting and general discussion was had as to trespass on State land in Volusia and Lake Counties over a period of years.

Comptroller Lee reported that the Trustees had been informed several years ago of trespass by Wilson Cypress Company and the matter had been turned over to the Attorney General's office for action and it was his understanding that suit had been brought to collect amounts due the State. Assistant Attorney General Cockrell having been called in to give information as to the progress of the case, advised that he had gone into the matter very thoroughly but had not as yet instituted suit; a brief history of the title of the land was given and the claims as to ownership by Wilson Cypress Company.

The Governor asked that Mr. Bayless and the Attorney General's office make a full report of the status of the case at the next meeting of the board.

Mr. Eaton was recalled and told that the Trustees would have the matter investigated and when the Field Agent made his trip to check up on the land he would probably like to get in touch with him. He was thanked for the information furnished and notified that action could not be taken on his proposal at this time.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had a letter from Mr. Fred Cason, Attorney for Dade County, with reference to State land near Homestead which the Trustees on December 19, 1940, agreed to sell to the County at a price of $1 an acre to be used by Dade County in conjunction with the Civil Aeronautics Authority as an auxiliary air base in the Defense program. Of the land applied for 481.83 acres, described as:

NE¼, E½ of SE¼ of Section 11;
W½ of NW¼ and SW¼ of Section 12,
Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County

were owned by the Trustees in fee simple. The remainder of the proposed area, described as:

W½ of SE¼ of Section 11 and
E½ of NW¼ of Section 12,
Township 57 South, Range 39 East, Dade County

is held by the Trustees under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937 and the County desires that the action of the Trustees on January 9, 1941 be amended so that application could be made for the purchase of said areas under the rules now in practice.

Upon motion seconded and adopted deed was ordered issued covering the tracts applied for by Dade County on a basis of $1 per acre, plus $600 to cover timber located on said tracts, the deed to contain a reversion clause that in the event the land was ever used for any purpose other than an airport title would revert to the State.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Clerk be instructed to accept application from Dade County and start advertising immediately.

Mr. Bayless also called attention to the fact that on the E½ of NW¼ of Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, the Trustees were also holder of Mortgage No. 17227 from the Bay State Investment Company, said mortgage bearing date of June 25, 1925 and was given in connection with the sale of said property at that time. The County of Dade desires an assignment of said mortgage and offers $1 an acre for same.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that assignment of mortgage be executed upon payment of $80.00.

Financial Statement for the month of January 1941 is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1941

Various land sales	$ 524.00	
Land sales under Ch. 14572, Acts of 1929	308.95	
Land sales under Ch. 14717, Acts of 1931	8.84	
Sale of lake bottoms	33.75	
Oil lease	335.25	
Sand, shell and gravel leases	213.46	
Farm lease	237.87	
Mineral lease	83.25	
Fire wood permit	4.50	
Lease of fishing camp site	37.50	
Refund of cost of advertising sovereignty lands	21.00	
Total receipts during month	$ 1,808.37	
Balance on hand January 1, 1941	169,858.79	
	$171,667.16	
Less disbursements	3,016.81	
Balance January 31, 1941		$168,650.35

BALANCES IN BANKS JANUARY 31, 1941

The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$136,823.12	
The Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	17,821.31	
The Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	14,005.92	
		$168,650.35

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Jan. 29	11866	F. C. Elliot	$ 400.00
	11867	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11868	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11869	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11870	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11871	H. L. Shearer	50.00

11872	Tyrus A. Norwood	61.10
11873	Sugar Bowl Drainage District	164.16
11874	The Amphitrite Corporation	1,000.00
11875	Geo. D. Barnard Stationery Co.	36.25
11876	Capital Office Equipment Co.	.15
11877	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	3.07
11878	Western Union Telegraph Co.	9.86
11879	Southeastern Telephone Co.	15.00
11880	M. C. McIntosh	29.20
11881	W. B. Granger	18.50
11882	S. S. Savage	152.75
11883	Miami Daily News	21.00
11884	J. Alex Arnette	20.00
11885	William J. Fritsch	42.80
11886	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	64.07
11887	S. S. Savage	103.90
	Total disbursements for January, 1941	$ 3,016.81

FINANCIAL STATEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 18296 JANUARY 1941

Balance January 1, 1941	$590,078.56	
Receipts during month—land sales	55,538.17	
	$645,616.73	
Less disbursements	1,698.57	
Balance January 31, 1941		$643,918.16

BALANCE IN BANKS JANUARY 31, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$638,849.11	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	5,069.05	
Total amount in banks		$643,918.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Jan. 10	279	W. R. Linton	$ 60.00
	280	L. P. Black and Marie Zollner	100.00

	281	Geo. O. Butler	105.00
	282	W. P. Shelly, Jr.	15.00
	283	Mrs. Myrtle M. Culbreath, C.C.C.	392.60
	284	B. H. Sadler and Ruthie Sadler	25.00
	285	Rayonier, Inc.	20.00
	286	I. M. Woodward	5.00
21	287	J. B. Carlton	55.72
	288	Langley Bell, C.C.C.	5.00
	289	L. L. Currie, C.C.C.	37.25
	290	Oscar Bodeman	293.50
	291	Wm. H. McNally	17.50
	292	W. G. Burch	25.00
	293	Charlotte Lee Land Co.	2.50
	294	Mary Thomas	29.50
	295	J. M. Bolen and Annie O. Bolen	5.00
28	296	Esther Draughon, C.C.C.	135.00
31	297	Frank C. Pelot	175.00
	298	Helen Phillips	110.00
	299	Mary Evans Voss	85.00
	300	Cancelled	
		Total disbursements for January, 1941	$ 1,698.57

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Trustees having accepted bid of Best Foods, Inc., for land in Hillsborough County, authorized deed executed and transmitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for delivery to purchaser.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for Easement deeds covering right of ways necessary in connection with the following existing State Roads:

County	No.	Project
Citrus	36	822 (5018)
Citrus	15	793-D (5017)
Clay	68	1037
Dade	27	699-B
Escambia	341	5506
Hernando	5	545
Hernando	15	794-A (5313)
Hernando	15	794-C

Hillsborough (3)	545	5367
Lee	183	5003
Leon	377	5359
Okeechobee	8	5322
Polk	8	605 (5209)
Polk	34	1220

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easement deeds requested by the State Road Department as listed above.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for quit claim or release of the State's right by virtue of Chapter 18296, in SE¼ of NW¼ & SW¼ of NE¼ Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, 6 acres in Washington County, occupied by the State Road Department as the Division Office site near Chipley. Information was given that the land had been owned by the Agricultural Marketing Bureau since February 1936 and held by it until October 1939 when conveyance was made to the State Road Department.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to refer the matter to the Attorney General for opinion as to the Trustees' authority in disposing of the case.

Request was presented from Tampa Electric Company for 30 foot right of way across State land in Hillsborough County over parcels in Crescent Park S/D, Tropical Pines S/D, and in Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 18 East. Right of way requested is for construction of power line to furnish electricity to the Army Air Base at McDill Field.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easement to Tampa Electric Company over the parcels of land described upon payment of $5.00.

Application was presented from Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company for right of way 100 feet wide across land in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties through which to construct a telephone line to the Army Base at Valparaiso, Florida. The Secretary reported that the land came to the State under Chapter 18296 and that similar right of way had been allowed upon terms of fifty cents per running rod.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and adopted to grant right of way 100 feet wide to Southern Bell

Telephone & Telegraph Company across land owned by the State in Santa Rosa County:

Through Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 28 West
Through Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 27 West
Through Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 26 West
Through Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 26 West

Okaloosa County:

Through Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 25 West
Payment to be at the rate of 50 cents per running rod. Easement was authorized issued upon acceptance by the Company of the terms outlined.

The Secretary presented to the Trustees the necessity of having a form for quit claim or release of State Road Right of way incorporated in all deeds issued under Chapter 18296; that in some cases it was found that the right of way would not be needed by the Road Department and purchaser of the land would apply to have the reservation removed. A proposed form was submitted for consideration by the board.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the form be referred to the Attorney General for consideration and recommendation.

Dade County having made application to the Trustees for acquiring certain land near Homestead to be used as an auxiliary airport in connection with the National Defense program, it was ascertained that a portion of the land had vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, and sale would have to be held according to rules and regulations adopted by the board. The County requested that action of the Trustees January 9th be waived and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Dade County be allowed to advertise and sell this tract as soon as possible.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Clerk be instructed to accept application from Dade County and start advertisement immediately on the lands described as follows:

In the W½ of SE¼ of Section 11, and in the
E½ of NW¼ of Section 12, Township 57 South,
Range 39 East, Dade County

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 19, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. H. E. Motter of West Palm Beach, representing Lake Worth Drainage District, requested that the Trustees take action on three bids submitted at recent sales under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937. Information was given that with reference to sale held September 28, 1940, approval had not been given the sale owing to the fact that the land was advertised with the base bid figured on an acreage basis rather than on a lot basis; however, advertisement carried description as lots. The land had been subdivided into lots but was actually acreage without any improvement except farm crops and if the District had gotten permission from the Trustees to advertise with a base bid on the acreage basis, there would have been no question raised. The tract involved comprises 55 acres and was figured on the 1932 assessed value, an acreage basis of $4.00 an acre, requiring a bid of $55.00. Mr. Motter stated that the District had application in with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for refinancing the district and it was very necessary that title be cleared to the tracts applied for under the Murphy Act. Also stated that with reference to the sales of November 30th and December 28th, 1940, they were all regular and only needed execution of the deeds to close the transactions.

Upon request from the Attorney General for information as to whether or not the land was in Everglades Drainage District as well as Lake Worth Drainage District, Mr. Motter replied that a portion of the land was located wholly within Lake Worth Drainage District while other sections were located in both Lake Worth and Everglades Drainage District in making deeds.

The Governor stated that he had very carefully studied form of deed used in conveying lands under Chapter 18296 and he believed the question of the two districts being involved was well taken care of. Also that the opinions handed down by the Supreme Court had settled the matter of liens which followed the land, and that he was willing to accept the bids submitted subject to approval by the Attorney General as to whether it would be necessary to have the lands segregated in the two districts.

Motion was made by Attorney General Watson that the three bids of Lake Worth Drainage District:

September 28, 1940	$ 405.00
November 30, 1940	477.50
December 28, 1940	1,020.00

be accepted pending investigation by him as to whether or not the deeds be re-drawn and the lands located in the two districts be segregated. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General requested that he be furnished with list of the lands located within Lake Worth Drainage District and another list containing lands located within both Lake Worth and Everglades Drainage District, together with a copy of the deed, in order that he might examine into the questions raised.

The Board directed that the Secretary furnish the information desired by the Attorney General.

Mr. Elliot requested information as to whether or not the Clerks should resume accepting applications to purchase land under Chapter 18296, the instructions issued January 9th having held up sales until February 15th, but as no further action had been taken the Clerks were wiring in for instructions.

Expression from several members was that sales would be resumed after February 15th but it was very necessary that some action be taken immediately as to whether any change in policy was to be made. This opinion was concurred in by all members.

The Attorney General stated that he was going to draw up a new program for consideration of the board, not with the idea that it would be accepted as drawn, but in order to have something definite before the board and that he would be glad to have the other members submit any suggestions or plans they might have in mind.

The Governor asked that the Board give him authority to call a special meeting, as soon as convenient to all members, for consideration of sales under Chapter 18296. The Governor was authorized to call the meeting as suggested.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid:

Southeastern Telephone Co.	$ 27.60
Railway Express Agency	.50
Western Union	38.67
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.74
Rose Printing Co.	17.00
Capital Office Supply Co.	37.05
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	133.20
Total	$254.76

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. H. E. Motter of West Palm Beach, representing Lake Worth Drainage District, applied to purchase approximately 12 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Clark, Palm Beach County, described as being in the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, stating that it was desired in connection with drainage of an area on which a Federal Housing project was to be located. An offer of $200 was submitted for the land.

Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees accept the offer of $200 for reclaimed land applied for by Lake Worth Drainage District as right of way for constructing drainage works for draining and reclaiming an adjacent area on which a Federal Housing Project is to be constructed, deed to contain reversion clause in the event the land should be used for other purposes.

Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Discussion was had with reference to expense accounts of the Field Agent and the Attorney General asked that a statement of expenses of the Field Agent for the past six months be prepared and presented to the Trustees at the next meeting of the board.

Suggestions were offered by several members as to how the field work might be accomplished with less expense to the Trustees.

Mr. Mayo and Mr. Elliot explained the manner in which surveys, timber cruises and reports were handled; that in practically all cases an offer was presented to the board to purchase the land or timber, or secure a turpentine lease, or other lease; that request was often made for a report on the land to cover the respective applications and the Field Agent was directed to make the necessary examination and submit his report. In directing that examination be made it was understood that the Field Agent would employ the necessary help to do the work. Reports on all surveys and examinations have been filed with the Trustees and expense accounts rendered with itemized statements attached.

Mr. Lee stated that he had all confidence in Mr. Savage but he did feel that the system of rendering expense accounts needed revising; that request had been made for statement of expenses for the past six months and with that before the board something could be worked out.

Governor Holland stated that the Board did not want to do anything to hamper the work and he would like to have the responsibility fixed on some person with whom the Trustees had daily contact; that Mr. Elliot was in position to know in advance what was necessary to be done and if he were held accountable for this work a system would be set in motion that would bring results.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the suggestion of the Governor be approved as the action of the Board.

The Governor suggested that in unusual cases Mr. Savage could get in touch with Mr. Elliot by phone and receive instructions.

Mr. Watson moved that Mr. Elliot be charged with the responsibility of this work and that Mr. Savage furnish receipted bills and if necessary phone Mr. Elliot in advance of any additional cost for personnel. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted. Comptroller Lee voted No.

The following bills were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Florida	$ 16.00
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Florida	148.17
E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C., Dade County	171.82
	$335.99

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 1, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of January 9th, 16th, 28th, 29th, February 4th and 19th presented, and upon motion seconded and adopted were ordered approved.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Attorney General made a motion that the full membership of the Trustees be present for a special meeting March 11, 1941, at 4 o'clock P. M. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary was requested to notify each member of the board of the above action.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted, that Mr. George Sampson of Winter Haven be employed by the Trustees at a salary of $150 per month, effective March 1st, to be assigned to the office of Mr. Elliot for work under the Murphy Act.

Mr. Elliot reported that with the additional work in connection with Murphy Act sales there was insufficient space in the office for equipment and personnel and that it would be necessary to make other arrangement for storage of files; also that certain repairs were necessary in the office and additional equipment.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot secure estimates for having the work done as recommended by him and submit the same to the Trustees for consideration.

The Secretary reported that he had request from three towns for advertising land for sale under the regular rules except as to time between advertisement and sale, which they desire reduced to 5 days instead of the usual 21 days. The applicants are the Cities of Lake City in Columbia County, Daytona Beach in Volusia County, and Clearwater in Pinellas County, and the parcels are desired as airport sites in connection with the National Defense program.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees depart from the regular procedure in the three applications presented and allow a five day period between advertisement and sale date, in all other respects the sale to follow the usual course. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted subject to confirmation by the other members of the board.

Mr. Elliot was authorized to notify the Clerks of the Courts of the counties of Columbia, Volusia and Pinellas to allow advertisement of 5 days rather than 21 on the applications as above.

Employment of additional persons to be assigned to Mr. Elliot for work under the Murphy Act was referred to the State Treasurer and the Attorney General.

The following bills amounting to $980.00 were approved and checks were ordered drawn in payment therefor:

Frank C. Pelot, Clerk	$175.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk & Stenographer	110.00
Mary Evans Voss, Verifier	85.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer, part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer, part time	25.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant & Bookkeeper	275.00
Juanita Williams, Clerk & Stenographer	150.00
R. F. Vason, Verifier	85.00
E. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer, part time	50.00
	$980.00

The following refund checks were issued during February 1941, under authority given pursuant to action of Trustees November 29, 1940:

B. H. Sadler & Ruthie Sadler c/o Iveson Lloyd, C.C.C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	25.00
Edgar John Phillips c/o R. E. Green, C.C.C. Pinellas County Clearwater, Florida	5.00
Putnam Lumber Company c/o C. C. Copeland, C.C.C. Dixie County Cross City, Florida	15.00
Spence Hall c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	150.00
Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	14.00
Thurman Knight c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	568.50
C. A. Bailey c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	92.50
M. C. McIntosh Asst. Attorney General Tallahassee, Florida	5.00

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

The following bills amounting to $1,520.67 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office, part time	50.00
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.	22.50
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	146.70
F. E. Bayless, Jr., Tallahassee, Fla.	76.47
	$1,520.67

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 4, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Bayless submitted application from Mr. John D. Shepard of Cocoa, on behalf of client Anna M. Simpson Harrison, to purchase one-fourth of an acre of submerged land adjoining her property in Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County. Applicant offered $25 for the parcel.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offer of $25 be accepted for the submerged land applied for by Mr. Shepard, plus cost of advertisement.

Application was submitted from G. T. Parker of Canal Point, with offer of $100 an acre for Lots 11 and 13, Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and Lot 27, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 55.80 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $100 for the land applied for by Mr. Parker.

Request was presented from J. C. Chewning, West Palm Beach, for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 62 covering 693.43 acres in Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 40 East Hiatus lots between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 40 East, also an additional 73 acres described as Lot 3, Hiatus between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County. Present lease expired February 1, 1941.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to renew lease in favor of J. C. Chewning, including the additional acreage applied for, upon payment of Ten Cents (10c) an acre; lease to expire January 1, 1942.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Trustees hold Mortgage No. 17543 of W. B. and Ethel J. Harvard encumbering the S½ of NE¼ and SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 32, Township 39 South, Range 21 East, Sarasota County; that the State Road Department has acquired quit claim deed from the Harvards covering R/W through said area and is requesting that the Trustees release from the mortgage the 17.61 acres covered by the road right of way.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to release from Mortgage No. 17543 the 17.61 acres covered by State Road right of way as requested by the State Road Department, it being understood that the principal amount of the mortgage would not be reduced. Quit claim deed was authorized.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline the following offers for State land:

> Offer of $2 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, Bradenton, for the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 22 East, Sarasota County. Appraisal of the State shows a value of
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> Offer of $25 an acre from Walter Hayn, West
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> $413.00 for the tract.
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> Palm Beach, for reclaimed lake bottom land in

Lake Clark, Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County—land located south and east of the Airport on south side of Palm Beach Canal.

Offer of $125 from Marcus Chancey of Parris, Florida, for the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County. Appraisal of the land shows a value of $160.

Letter from Tom Conely, Okeechobee, requested extension of five or six months from February 9, 1941, on Grazing lease No. 27 covering 1,491.25 acres of State land in the Kissimmee River section of Highlands County. Mr. Bayless reported that lease was executed for a period of five years from August 9, 1939, and first year's payments made without lessee being able to get on the land on account of excessive high water.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant six months extension from February 9, 1941, on Mr. Conely's Lease No. 27 in view of the fact that he had been unable to use the land.

Mr. Bayless reported that on February 19th the Trustees agreed to a 5 year lease on approximately 250 acres of State land on Lake Iamonia in Leon County, in favor of George F. Baker; that Mr. Charles Ausley, attorney for Mr. Baker, advises that a ten year lease is desired owing to amount of work and expense required in constructing proper dam and spillway.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that lease in favor of Mr. George F. Baker be issued for a period of ten years rather than five years as authorized February 19th; lease to be conditioned upon construction of proper dam and spillway.

Request was submitted from Senator Elmer Ward of Fort Myers, on behalf of Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc., for right of way across the following State land in Lee County:

Lots 2, 4, 5, 6 7 Section 13, Township 46 South
Range 22 East
Lots 2 and 8 Section 18
Lots 1 and 2 Section 20

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 Section 21
Lots 1 and 2 Section 19, Township 46 South
Range 23 East

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easement for right of way to Lee County Electric Cooperative, Inc., conditioned that such easement shall provide for revocation after five years upon 6 months notice from either party.

Mr. Bayless reported that the former Board had authorized three year grazing lease in favor of L. Maxcy of Frostproof, involving 444.56 acres of Martin County land, payment to be 25 cents an acre annually.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to approve for execution lease in favor of Mr. Maxcy as presented by Mr. Bayless.

Application was submitted from W. J. Hendry of Okeechobee County, offering $10 an acre for partial release of Mortgage No. 17199 involving 4.62 acres of land in Section 19, Township 38 South, Range 25 East, Okeechobee County. Mr. Bayless explained that this was a portion of the area in Eagle Bay section and similar requests had been granted from time to time.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to execute release of mortgage covering the area applied for by Mr. Hendry, upon payment of $10 an acre.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant extention of 30 days on lease to T. T. Scott, Live Oak, Florida, expiring March 12, 1941, covering Levy County lands, the extension requested being for the purpose of removing timber cut from the land.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Dr. Walter Seigmeister of Lorida, Florida, for renewal of grazing lease covering Lot 6, Section 29, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, 16.47 acres in Highlands County. Also offer from Nicholas Phillipson, Lorida, of $20 an acre to purchase the same land.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew grazing lease in favor of Dr. Seigmeister for a period of one year upon payment of 25 cents an acre, and to decline offer of $20 an acre from Mr. Phillipson to purchase the land. Lease was ordered renewed.

Mr. Bayless reported in connection with controversy between Mr. Lonnie Hough and Judge W. W. Whitehurst as follows: That Mr. Hough has surrendered land involved in said lease and Judge Whitehurst requests information as to whether date of lease would be construed to commence from date of possession, or from date of execution—September 20, 1940.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that date of lease remain as executed but that Judge Whitehurst be given credit on his payments for the proportionate part represented by the land occupied by Mr. Hough.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements through State land in Lake and Polk Counties desired in connection with State Roads.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easements in favor of the State Road Department for right of ways through Polk and Lake Counties across State land designated as follows:

1. Polk County—For State Road No. 8, Project No. 605—Lake bottom lands of Lake Gordon through and across the S½ of Section 16, Township 28 South, Range 27 East, 100 ft. R/W;
2. Lake County—For State Road No. 8-A, Project No. 5323—Lake bottom land of Lake Harris through and across land in the E½ of SE¼ of Section 34; W½ of SW¼ of Section 35; Township 19 South, Range 23 East, and NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 3; NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 2, Township 20 South, Range 24 East—200 ft. R/W.

Application was presented from Phillip D. O'Connell of West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of E. C. Patterson, offering $100 an acre for 3.71 acres of marginal land in Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon motion of Attorney General Watson, duly seconded and adopted, offer of $100 an acre was accepted for land applied for by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Bayless informed the Trustees that Senator Cooley and Representatives Johnston and Thomas of Lake County had reported considerable trespass on State land proper, as well as on Murphy Act lands, in their county and had requested that a representative of the Trustees be sent down to check on such violations.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. S. S. Savage, Field Agent, be instructed to check on the trespass and submit report to the Trustees.

Telegram was presented from Hudson & Cason stating that the City of Miami desired deed issued to them under provisions of Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929, covering that portion of land lying East of the West line of the E½ of Section 20, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, containing 146 acres, and offered $2.50 an acre for the parcel, such amount being the interest of the State School Fund based on a price agreed on in former sale. Statement was made that the land was needed in connection with construction of causeway from the mainland to Key Biscayne.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to withhold action pending investigation and report from the Attorney General and the matter was referred to Mr. Watson.

Offer of 5 cents per cubic yard was submitted from Mr. John Balfe, Jacksonville, for lease to remove rock from spoil banks in the St. Johns River. Minimum royalty to be $50 per month and bond in amount of $500 to be furnished guaranteeing payments.

Mr. Bayless reported that former lease in that area provided for payment of 15 cents per cubic yard.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Mr. Balfe for removal of rock from the St. Johns River.

Application was submitted from Joe H. Lesser, West Palm Beach, on behalf of Samuel Goldberg, offering $1 an acre per year for grazing lease on approximately 30 acres of lake bottom land in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, the land being a part of Lake Osborne and adjoining property of applicant.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $1 an acre for 1 year grazing lease on the land applied for by Mr. Goldberg.

Mr. Bayless submitted application from A. E. Coker, Zolfo Springs, with offer of $5 for renewal of Grazing Lease for a period of one year, covering the SE¼ of SE¼, Section 13, Township 25 South, Range 36 East. Also offer from George Marsh, Wauchula, of 15 cents an acre for one year grazing lease on land applied for by Mr. Coker and an additional parcel described as SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East. Mr. Marsh makes an offer of $3 an acre to purchase the land which he has applied to lease. For the last description W. J. Scarborough, Zolfo Springs, also offers $5 an acre to purchase.

Upon recommendation of the Land Clerk, motion was made seconded and adopted to take the following action on offers for Hardee County land:

1. Renew Grazing lease for a period of one year in favor of A. E. Coker covering the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 13, Township 35, Range 26, upon payment of 15 cents an acre.
2. Execute one-year Grazing lease in favor of George Marsh on the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 35, Range 26 upon payment of 15 cents an acre, and decline offer to purchase this land as well as the tract applied for by Mr. Coker.
3. Decline offer of $5 an acre from W. J. Scarborough for the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 35, Range 26.

It was ordered that such disposition be made of the applications from A. E. Coker, George Marsh and W. J. Scarborough.

Letter was presented from J. Lewis Hall, County Attorney for Leon County, giving information that Mr. John H. Phipps and Westbury Corporation have closed certain roads leading to Lake Jackson which have been used by the public for years, and the County Commissioners desire that the Trustees take the necessary action to secure public access to the lake at an old Boat Landing near State Road No. 1, and also grant to the County an easement for right of way purposes in order that a road may be constructed around the Lake for the public convenience.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Bayless take the matter up with Mr. Phipps to see if some satisfactory adjustment cannot be worked out. Action withheld on request for right of way.

Offer of $50 was submitted from J. Douglas Arnest, Sarasota, on behalf of William E. Smith, to purchase 42/100 of an acre of reclaimed land in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County. Statement was made that the area was formerly covered by the waters of Big Pass but due to storms and erosion has been reclaimed and lies between property of Mr. Smith and the waters of Big Pass.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $50 from Mr. Smith for the Sarasota County land located on Big Pass—adjacent to his upland.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $5 an acre for 1920 acres of land in Section 1, 2 and 12, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County, the Trustees being of the opinion that the price was not sufficient. C. E. Drawdy applicant.

The attorney General reported that the Trustees had referred to him the matter of exchange of lands between the State of Florida and Sarasota County, requested in connection with blocking areas in Myakka River State Park; that the land which Sarasota County was interested in exchanging was a tract deeded to the County by the Trustees some years ago as a Poor Farm site.

The Attorney General recommended that a supplemental deed be issued to Sarasota County in order to eliminate "For County Purposes" in the former deed, which is done in view of the fact that the land conveyed to the County was not suitable for the County Poor Farm, the purpose for which acquired.

Mr. Watson moved that supplemental deed be executed in favor of Sarasota County eliminating the clause quoted. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Deed was ordered prepared and executed.

Financial Statement for the month of February is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 1941

RECEIPTS

Various land sales	$ 986.29	
Land sales Ch. 14572 (1929)	490.00	
Land sales Ch. 14717 (1931)	94.02	
Sand, shell & gravel leases	521.21	
Farm rent	450.00	
Grazing lease	171.27	
Mineral lease	46.87	
Land trespass	11.25	
Timber	22.43	
Q C Canal Reservations	3.75	
Sale lake bottom	750.00	
Timber lease	203.63	
Lease fishing camp site	37.50	
Total receipts during month	$ 3,788.22	
Balance on hand February 1, 1941	168,650.35	
	$172,438.57	
Less disbursements	10,172.35	
Balance February 28th, 1941		$162,266.22

BALANCE IN BANKS FEBRUARY 28th, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$130,285.99	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	14,158.92	
		$162,266.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Feb. 5,	11888	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	$ 1,302.88
	11889	Board of Commissioners, Levy County	8,515.38
12,	11890	J. M. & Ethel E. Chapman	18.10
19,	11891	W. B. Granger	16.00
	11892	S. S. Savage	148.17
20,	11893	E. B. Leatherman C.C.C.	171.82
			$ 10,172.35

FINANCIAL STATEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 18296
FEBRUARY, 1941

Balance February 1st, 1941	$643,918.16	
Receipts—land sales	46,729.02	
	$690,647.18	
Less disbursements	$ 2,891.91	
Balance February 28th, 1941		$687,755.27

BALANCE IN BANKS FEBRUARY 28, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$682,645.43	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	5,109.84	
Total amount in banks		$687,755.27

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of:	Amount
Feb. 4,	1501	Jentye Dedge	$ 25.00
	1502	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1503	A. C. Bridges	275.00
	1504	Juanita Williams	150.00
	1505	R. F. Vason	85.00
	1506	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1507	J. M. Lee, Comptroller	6.58
	1508	Capital Office Supply	3.70
	1509	James E. Conner	159.36
	1510	Remington Rand, Inc.	157.50
	1511	Commercial Office Supply	21.90
	1512	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
	1513	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	18.00
	1514	D. H. Sloan	659.08
	1515	O. P. Herndon	62.80
	1516	F. C. Elliot	1.40
	1517	M. C. McIntosh	31.93
	1518	Frank C. Pelot	4.90
7,	1519	B. H. Sadler & Ruthie Sadler	25.00
12,	1520	Edgar John Phillips	5.00
	1521	Putnam Lumber Co.	15.00
	1522	Spence Hall	150.00
19,	1523	Southeastern Telephone Co.	27.60

	1524	Railway Express Agency	.50
	1525	Western Union	38.67
	1526	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.74
	1527	Rose Printing Co.	17.00
	1528	Capital Office Supply Co.	37.05
	1529	Charles H. Pent C.C.C.	14.00
	1530	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	133.20
25,	1532	C. A. Bailey	92.50
26,	1533	Thurman Knight	568.50
		Total Disbursements for February, 1941	$ 2,891.91

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Action of three members of the Trustees on March 1, 1941, was approved authorizing the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Columbia, Pinellas and Volusia Counties to allow a minimum of five days between date of advertising and date of sale of certain parcels desired as airport sites necessary in connection with the National Defense program, regular procedure to apply in all other respects. Applications were submitted from the towns of Lake City, Daytona Beach and Clearwater.

Approval was given to action of three members of the Trustees authorizing the employment of Mr. George Sampson of Winter Haven on work under the Murphy Act, in the office of Mr. F. C. Elliot, at a salary of $150 per month.

With reference to City of Fort Myers it was agreed, since the City proposes to permit former owner to purchase from City for amount of bid plus a reasonable charge, that notice to former owner be waived.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 18, 1941

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. M. N. Yancey, City Manager for the City of Tallahassee, came before the board and applied for lease on an area of State land located on Lake Jackson to be used as an auxiliary Airport in connection with the Tallahassee Airport now being operated by the United States as a training field. The area requested lies between the meander and the waters of Lake Jackson in Sections 32 and 33, Township 2 North, Range 1 West.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees lease to the City of Tallahassee the tract of land on Lake Jackson as above described; term of lease to be for the duration of the emergency upon payment of annual rental of $1.00. All papers to be approved by the Attorney General.

Mr. Harris Drew, Attorney for the town of Palm Beach, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and made the following statements:

"That the Davies interests have purchased all the holdings of Neil A. Campbell in Lake Worth and deeded the same to the Bank of Palm Beach whereupon the Bank in turn is deeding such property to the Town of Palm Beach with the provision that the lands and bottoms remain in their natural state with no development, fill or improvement to be made—to be held by the town of Palm Beach for the benefit of the public and for the purpose of preserving Lake Worth in its natural condition. That Neil A. Campbell has assigned all his interest or right to purchase the land which the Trustees agreed to sell him under date of May 14, 1940, which sale was protested by the Davies Interests, the town of Palm Beach and others, resulting in the filing of a suit restraining the Trustees from issuing deed to Mr. Campbell. That the town of Palm Beach desires to purchase the property described in the application of Mr. Campbell with the same restrictions as carried in the deed from the Davies Interests and offers $100 for the submerged areas."

Upon consideration of the request from the town of Palm Beach, motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees consummate sale of land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, described in Notice recorded in Minutes of the Trustees dated July 23, 1940, upon payment of $100; deed to recite that the land is conveyed for municipal purposes with reversion clause, providing that the area shall never be sold, filled or used for anything except to maintain it in present natural status. Motion seconded by Comptroller Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. John W. Watson, Jr., Attorney for the City of Miami, applied to the Trustees for deed to approximately 147 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, being all that part of Section 20, within the limitations of lands described in Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929, lying East of the West line of the E½ of said Section 20 in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, and asked that the board allow payment on the same basis as other land sold the City covered in the same Chapter, being based on a valuation for the land of $10 an acre, the City paying only $2.50 an acre representing the equity of the State School Fund—no payment to be made for the Trustees' part. Mr. Watson reviewed former sales made by the Trustees under this Act for the benefit of the new members on the board. Action deferred till the afternoon session in order that the Attorney General have opportunity to examine Ch. 13666 and Report.

AFTERNOON SESSION,
3:00 O'clock P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with all members present.

Mr. John W. Watson, City Attorney for Miami, restated his application as submitted at the morning meeting.

The Attorney General reported that he had examined Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929, and it was his opinion that it authorized the Trustees to sell the land at such price as they saw fit, provided the interest of the School Fund was protected. Recommendation was that the Trustees put such value on the property as they deemed proper.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to sell approximately 147 acres of submerged land applied for by the City of Miami, and covered by provisions of Chapter 13666, Acts of 1929, on a valuation basis of $10 an acre, payment to be only $2.50 an acre in cash, representing the State School Fund's equity, with no monetary consideration coming to the Trustees. Deed to carry the provision that the land be used for municipal purposes only and contain reversion clause should such provision ever be violated.

Mr. A. A. Poston, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, requested that the Trustees grant to the town of Lake Park, (formerly Kelsey City) an area of submerged lands lying between the town and the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County.

Upon consideration of the request, Mr. Poston was informed that the Trustees were not authorized to donate State's property without consideration and it would take an act of the legislature to make such conveyance possible. It was suggested, however, that pending action by the legislature permission might be given to the town of Lake Park to do the necessary dredging and filling subject to approval of the War Department.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the town of Lake Park to do such dredging as contemplated in the waters of Lake Worth between the waters edge and the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway, subject to approval by the War Department, and hold in status quo those portions of land lying in front of the town of Lake Park, between the waters edge and the channel. Motion duly adopted and so ordered.

Mrs. Nannie G. Hunt of Delray Beach, Florida, came before the Trustees and applied to purchase approximately 1.2 acres of filled land on Lake Boca Ratone which had been created by the depositing of spoil material on water bottoms adacent to her upland; that the filling in of this area severed her rights as water front property and she desired deed from the State to this tract.

Information was furnished that Mrs. Hunt had given the State Road Department a right of way through her property for construction of a State road and had entered no protest to the filling in adjacent to her land, thinking it would enhance the value but later finding that it had cut her off from the water. It was also stated that Mrs. Hunt was the widow of a Baptist preacher and was not financially able to pay much for the land.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, and adopted that in exchange for the right of way 100 feet wide granted to the State Road Department for road purposes, the Trustees convey to Mrs. Hunt the strip of filled land out in front of her property. Sale to be made subject to advertisement for objections.

Sheriff Walter R. Clark of Broward County, Ft. Lauderdale, requested that the Trustees change Oil lease in favor of Clark and Driggers to CRACKER OIL COMPANY and that amount of bond be cut from $30,000 to $10,000 to be deposited when oil and gas are encountered.

Upon discussion, Mr. Watson moved that a new oil lease be issued in favor of Cracker Oil Company, a corporation, for a period of five years, upon payment of ten cents (10¢) an acre annually in advance, with bond of $10,000 to be deposited with the Trustees when oil or gas, or other minerals, are discovered; lease to cover the following sections:

> Sections 8, 10, 20; Section 22 except NW¼ of NW¼ of NW¼; All Sections 28, 32 and 34: Township 54 South, Range 35 East; Dade County;
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> Sections 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 12, 15, 17; Section 21 less NE¼ of NE¼ of NE¼; Sections 23, 25, 27, 29, 33 & 35: Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County

and payment for the present year on present lease to be credited on new lease. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Starr & Copeland, representing Consumers' Gas & Fuel Company, submitted application for oil and gas lease covering 5440 acres of State land in Dade County upon payment of 10 cents an acre annually. Mr. Starr stated that his company had built gas plants in Hollywood, Miami Beach, Fort Lauderdale and other towns and now planning to put in a plant at Coral Gables.

Upon discussion, motion was made by the Attorney General that the Trustees execute lease in favor of Consumer's Gas & Fuel Company for a period of three years upon payment of ten cents an acre annually in advance, upon terms and conditions as carried in the lease to Cracker Oil Company; bond in the sum of $10,000 to be deposited upon discovery of oil and gas and the following land to be incorporated in the lease:

N½ of Sections 14, 24, 26 and 36, Township 54 S., Range 35 East;
N½ of Sections 1, 3, 5, and S½ of Sections 2, 4 and 6, Township 54 South, Range 36 East;
N½ of Sections 1, 3, 5 and S½ of Sections 2 & 4 of Township 55 South, Range 35 East;

Containing an aggregate of 5440 acres in Dade County.

Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The following offers were submitted by A. R. Richardson on behalf of clients:

For 6,809.48 acres of land in Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, located from 3 to 7 miles south and east of Belleglade, $8 an acre if the Trustees assume taxes, or $6 an acre if applicant assumes taxes.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees defer action of above offer pending investigation as to status of drainage taxes against the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of $12.50 an acre submitted by A. R. Richardson. on behalf of client. for Hiatus Lot 6 between Townships 43 and 44, Range 38 East, containing 158.60 acres in Palm Beach County, located 6 miles east of Belleglade.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to decline offer of $75 an acre from A. R. Richardson on behalf of client, for approximately 160 acres of lake bottom land, lying between the old State Dyke and the new Government Levee in Township 43 South, Range 37 East, located about one mile north of the Torry Island road. Motion being seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, the offer was declined.

The following proposal heretofore submitted by A. R. Richardson was again presented:

> That the Trustees enter into contract with Mr. A. R. Richardson for the sale by him of land in the Everglades Counties, title to which vested in the State through Everglades Drainage tax certificates under authority by Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, on the following basis:
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> Trustees to receive amount of Certificates plus 10%; Any amount over and above amount of certificate and 10% to be divided—30% to Trustees and 70% to Mr. Richardson.
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> Any expense in connection with sales, such as travel, etc., to be borne by Mr. Richardson.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the Trustees accept the proposal of Mr. Richardson, subject to approval of the Attorney General as to the lands not being subject to suits instituted by H. C. Rorick against the Everglades District and Trustees.

Application was submitted from A. R. Richardson, representing Ben Phipps and Westbury Corporation, for grazing lease on land adjacent to upland property of Mr. Phipps on Lake Jackson, Leon County, with an offer of 25 cents an acre annually.

Application was also presented from Mrs. Louise Roberts Bevis, for similar lease covering lake bottoms adjacent to her upland property on Lake Jackson.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees establish a price of 25 cents an acre annually for five year grazing leases on lake bottoms adjoining upland property on Lake Jackson, Leon County, with hunting and fishing rights reserved to the public. Payment to be made in advance. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Leases were authorized in favor of Mr. Phipps and Mrs. Bevis.

The Trustees reserved from the above the area recently leased to the City of Tallahassee for an airport site.

Application was made by Mr. W. Martin Burket for lease to remove timber suitable for cross ties from Lake Ocheesee, Jackson County, upon payment of ten cents per tie, based on report of inspections at the railroad.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee that the Trustees accept the offer of Mr. Burket to remove dead head timber from Lake Ocheesee suitable for cutting crossties upon payment of ten cents per tie, with railroad inspection report, conditioned that any logs needed at the Florida State Hospital, Chattahooche, will be hauled out to dry land by Mr. Burket and deposited at a point convenient for the Hospital, at actual cost. Motion seconded and adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the Trustees accept an offer of $832.80 from A. M. Collins, representing the Ocala Manufacturing, Ice and Packing Company, for the

E½ of SE¼ of Section 23, Township 15 South,
Range 23 East, Marion County.

Request was submitted from Broward County and from the City Council of the Town of Dania, that the Trustees grant the town of Dania a tract of submerged lands located in Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, containing 7.5 acres in New River Sound, to be used for park purposes.

Motion was made by Attorney General Watson that the Trustees advise the town of Dania that the board had no authority to grant lands without compensation and that it would take an act of the legislature to authorize such conveyance and that suggestion be made that the Town attempt to have such an act passed at the coming session. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that on February 4th the Trustees had agreed to renew shell lease for a period of three years in favor of Duval Engineering and Contracting Company on a basis of 7½ cents per cubic yard for all shell removed upon form of lease being approved by the Attorney General; that the Attorney General had approved the lease form and the Company now suggests a change in Section 5, which provides for payment of royalty in amount of $50 monthly to the Trustees and $150 monthly to the Conservation Department, allowing such payments to be considered as advance royalty to be deducted from monthly payments when shell is dredged.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that no change be made in the lease as prepared and approved by the Attorney General and that royalty be paid monthly as heretofore. Motion adopted.

Application was submitted from John Balfe, Jr., of Jacksonville, for permit to remove rock from spoil banks in the St. Johns River in Duval County; payment to be 7½ cents per cubic yard, minimum monthly royalty of $50 and depositing of $5000 performance bond.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to authorize 3 year permit in favor of Mr. Balfe, permitting removal of rock from spoil banks in St. Johns River, payment to be at the rate of 7½ cents per cubic yard with minimum royalty of $50 per month. Permit to be accompanied by $5000 bond guaranteeing performance of contract.

Request was presented from Charles O. Andrews, Jr., Attorney of Orlando, representing Longboat Bridge Company of Bradenton, offering $1 an acre for purchase of State land in Township 35 South, Range 16 East, approximately 233 acres in Manatee County. Statement was made that the parcel was desired as right of way and for fill material in construction of a bridge between Anna Maria Key and Longboat Key and the building of approximately 6000 feet of approaches to become a part of State Road No. 18.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Longboat Bridge Company, but it was agreeable to sell fill material on the basis of two cents per cubic yard if desired.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, offers from Highlands Crate Company, Bonifay, Florida, of $300 for Lot 2, Section 30, Township 6, North, Range 16 West, and $100 for NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 16 West, Holmes County, were declined.

Offer of $10 an acre was presented from M. C. Dopler for the purchase of W½ of Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 31 East,—189.60 acres in Highlands County. Mr. Bayless reported that this land had been leased for grazing to M. C. Dopler and Wm. R. Boyd, but information had been received that Mr. Dopler had taken over lease on the tract in question.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, duly seconded and adopted, that the offer from Mr. Dopler be declined. It was so ordered.

The Trustees declined offer of $175 an acre from J. T. Harris for Lot 27, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East. Palm Beach County, containing 19.77 acres. It was the opinion of the Trustees that the price was insufficient, the land being rented at this time for $10 an acre.

Application was presented from Dr. Walter Seigmeister of Lorida, Florida, offering $25 an acre for Lot 6. Section 29. and Lots 9, 10 & 11 of Section 20, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County, 63.41 acres.

Motion was made and duly adopted, to accept offer of $25 an acre from Dr. Seigmeister for the above described lots, subject to existing lease on the land at this time.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way across sovereignty land in Escambia County, being a part of Bayou Chico.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easement for Right of Way in favor of the State Road Department for use in connection with State Road No. 341, Project 5563, such land being designated as follows:

> Through and across Bayou Chico and adjacent submerged lands lying adjacent to and across the East boundary of Lot 1, Section 38, Township 2 South, Range 30 West, and adjacent to and west of west boundary of Fractional Blocks "A" and "B" and 9th Street in Peterson Addition to Pensacola, Section 40, Township 2 South, Range 30 West, according to Block Plan of Watson Map of Pensacola, said right of way being 200 feet wide.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $5 an acre from S. J. Davis of Okeechobee, Florida, for the purchase of approximately 200 acres of Lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Application was submitted from P. V. Proctor, DeLand, Florida, offering 20 cents per tie for cypress ties to be taken from State owned land in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer from Mr. Proctor.

At the meeting of the Trustees December 19, 1940, offer of $500 was accepted from Dr. V. A. Dodd for 8.60 acres of submerged land to be deeded to Dr. Dodd and the Town of Lantana, sale to be subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Information was furnished that the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post of West Palm Beach, Florida, in the issues of January 17, 24, 31 and February 7 and 14, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 14, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, February 18, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

> Begin at a point where the waters of Lake Worth intersect the Northern boundary line of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, the same being 2,661.92 feet East from the Northwest corner of said section:
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> Thence run in a southwesterly and then in a southeasterly direction, following the meanders of the original shore line of Lake Worth to a point which is the Northeast Corner of Lot 7, Block 5, of Lantana Point Addition to the Amended Plat of Lantana, Florida, the point of beginning;
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> thence S. 38°36′ East, 377.32 feet to a stake;
> thence S. 52°35′ East, 380.24 feet to a stake;
> thence S. 44°08′ West, 125.37 feet to a stake;
> thence S. 49°54′ East, 143.00 feet to a stake;
> thence N. 86°00′ East, 30.00 feet to a stake;

thence N. 16°07′ West, 187.36 feet to a stake;
thence N. 17°52′ East, 417.29 feet to a stake;
thence N. 85°38′30″ West, 223.00 feet to a stake;
thence S. 48°17′ West, 145.96 feet to a stake;
thence N. 52°42′ West, 200.00 feet to a stake;
thence N. 40°18′ East, 155.00 feet to a stake;
thence S. 83°41′ West, 277.00 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.45 acres, more or less.

ALSO:

Begin at a point where the waters of Lake Worth intersect the Northern boundary line of Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, the same being 2,661.92 feet East from the Northwest corner of said section;

Thence run in a southwesterly and then in a southeasterly direction, following the meanders of the original shore line of Lake Worth to a point which is the Northeast Corner of Lot 7, Block 5 of Lantana Point Addition of the Amended Plat of Lantana, Florida;

then S. 38°36′ East, 377.32 feet to a stake;
thence S. 52°35′ East, 380.24 feet, more or less, to the center of Lantana Avenue, the beginning point:
thence S. 16°07′ East, 187.36 feet to a stake;
thence N. 86°00′ East, 337.00 feet to a stake;
thence N. 37°00′ East, 300.00 feet to a stake;
thence N. 41°00′ West, 398.00 feet to a stake;
thence N. 85°38′30″ West, 180.08 feet to a stake;
thence S. 17°52′ West, 417.29 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.15 acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections having been presented or filed, sale was consummated to Dr. Dodd for the sum of $500 plus cost of advertising—the tract to be deeded 3.45 acres to Dr.

Dodd and 5.15 acres to the town of Lantana. No meeting having been held February 18, sale postponed till this date.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $12.51 from Helen S. Pearson, former owner, for land in Dade County, title to which came to the Trustees under Everglades Drainage Tax Certificate No. 8945, sale of 1928, covering 2 acres in Section 29, Township 54 South, Range 41 East. Title came to the State under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931.

Offer of $21.53 was presented from Jeanette Properties, Inc., as successor in title to former owner, for land in Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, and Sections 26 and 34, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, which came to the State under Everglades Drainage Tax Certificates Nos. 3259, 3260 of August 5, 1929, and No. 5098 of August 6, 1928.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, to accept offers of Helen S. Pearson and Jeanette Properties, Inc., for above described land—form of deed to be approved by the Attorney General.

Application was presented from R. H. Bailey with offer of $60 to purchase Tract 8, Tier 10, Newman's Survey—12 acres in Broward County, title to which land vested in the Trustees under Everglades Drainage Tax Certificate No. 3055, sale of 1928.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to accept offer of $60 from Mr. Bailey for the Tract applied for. Form of deed to be approved by the Attorney General.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees on December 19, 1940, had authorized issuance of deed in favor of Beatrice Styles to Lots 9 and 10, Block 41, Inlet City, Palm Beach County, which vested in the State through foreclosure of State and County tax sale certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, consideration for such deed being $31.45 plus $5 for quit claim to statutory reservations contained in deed; that deeds had been prepared and were ready for approval.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to authorize execution of deed and quit claim of reservations in favor of Beatrice Styles.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, and duly adopted, the Trustees declined offer of $1027.38 from C. D. M. Greer for all land in Sarasota County which vested in the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, the offer being approximately one-fourth of amount of decree.

Application was presented from St. Lucie Lumber Company for lease to take crossties from land in Martin County which vested in the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Letter from Mr. W. L. Sullivan, representing applicant, informed the board that a former lease authorized April 23, 1940, in favor of D. M. Dominici had never been executed on the part of Mr. Dominici and the St. Lucie Lumber Company would like to take over lease from the Trustees with payment of 12½ cents per tie and $500 bond as required.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that lease in favor of D. M. Dominici be cancelled and that new lease in favor of St. Lucie Lumber Company be executed with payment of 15 cents per tie stumpage for all ties cut and removed from the land, based on Railway Inspector's report, with bond in amount of $500 to accompany lease. The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. Sullivan of the action taken and upon acceptance of terms and conditions that lease be drawn in favor of St. Lucie Lumber Company.

Application was presented from the United States for permission to use as a bombing range a part of Section 28, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, for aerial bombing practice in connection with the Naval Air Station at Miami.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to grant permission to the United States for use of the area applied for, to be used as a bombing range in connection with the Naval Air Station, Miami, and the Secretary was directed to prepare the necessary permit.

Application was presented from Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, Jacksonville, for permission to construct a pole line in Dade County along the north and east sides of Snapper Creek Canal in Sections 19, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 35, in Township 54 South, Range 40 East; along the north side of the Canal in Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 54 South, Range 39 East, and in Sections 12, 13 and 24 in Township 54 South, Range 38 East, along the west side of the canal, which is west of and parallel with Krone Avenue—State Road No. 205.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the Trustees agreed to grant permit in favor of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, for a consideration to be agreed upon, conditioned that the Company secure a similar permit from Everglades Drainage District.

For the information of the Trustees report of expense accounts of S. S. Savage, Field Agent, was presented for consideration, and said report ordered filed.

The following bills amounting to $26.30 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Wm. Logan Hill, Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 4.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	15.10
Hon. J. Tom Watson, Attorney General	7.20
Total	$ 26.30

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Attorney General moved that the Trustees have an executive session for considering some matters which have been pending for some time. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Following the executive session the Governor advised that the following action was taken during such session:

1. Miss Helen Phillips' salary be raised from $110 to $125 per month;
2. Miss Mary Evans Voss' salary be raised from $85 to $100 per month;
3. Mr. R. F. Vason's salary be raised from $85 to $100 per month;
4. Mr. A. C. Bridges be given indefinite leave of absence with 15 days pay;
5. Mr. F. C. Pelot's services be terminated this date with 15 days salary;

6. Miss Juanita Williams' services be terminated this date with 15 days salary.
7. Mr. Elliot be authorized to employ Mr. Robert Hensley and Mrs. Stewart Willard for temporary work in assisting in compiling list of lands to be furnished the Tax Assessors, salaries to be at the rate of $85 per month each.

The above action was approved by the Trustees.

Comptroller Lee stated that the Trustees had hundreds of bids under the Murphy Act that needed action; that the bidders were becoming impatient and either wanted deeds or their money refunded.

The Attorney General reported that Mr. Millard Conklin of his office had attended a meeting of the Clerks of the Circuit Courts at Daytona Beach and that certain amendments to former instructions had been worked out and were ready for consideration of the Trustees.

Mr. Mayo requested that consideration be given to the bid of the City of Fort Myers as soon as it was received.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had agreed to accept as a basis for advertisement $2 per lot flat, covering approximately 2500 lots, but that the bidding report covering this sale had not come in yet.

Mr. Elliot informed the board that he had a number of cases that needed individual action and that they were ready for consideration.

The cases were presented and motion made and duly adopted on each item individually, resulting in the following action:

1. Alachua County—Deed No. 2—Bid of Henry Lang—Remittance not sufficient. Applicant to be given one week within which to send remittance of balance due. Otherwise sale to be called off and refund made of amount filed as bid.
2. Jefferson County—Deed No. 16—Town of Monticello—Description inadequate. Refund amount of $62.50 as description inadequate to make deed.
3. Jefferson County—Deed No. 12—A. E. Cooper—Refund should be made of amount of bid—$43.63.

as Certificate comes under Futch Act and should not have been certified to State.

4. Nassau County—Deed No. 24—Oscar Green—Refund should be made. Indefinite description.
5. Palm Beach County—Deed No. 61—W. L. Hand—Bid insufficient on one item. Should be $25 instead of $12.50. Notify that if additional amount not received within one week bid on that parcel will be rejected and refund made of amount bid.
6. Nassau County—Deed No. 37—John Benjamin—Make Refund. Indefinite description.
7. Palm Beach County—Deed No. 65—V. G. Weaver—Insufficient bid. Trustees reject bid of $2.50—Base bid $77.50.
8. Palm Beach County—Deed No. 143—Herbert Turnbull—Bid should have been $35—amount bid $10. Bid rejected by Trustees and refund to be made.

Mr. Elliot reported that sales held during the months of November, December, January and February had been checked and deeds had been prepared and checked where bids were regular and conformed to the requirements of the Trustees, and were ready for consideration of the board.

Discussion was had as to best method of handling approval of the deeds as reported by Mr. Elliot.

The Attorney General requested that before taking action on authorizing execution of deeds that he be given opportunity to go down to the Secretary's office and inform himself of the procedure followed in the handling of sales under Chapter 18296. The request of the Attorney General was granted.

The Governor requested that the Secretary have motions prepared for adoption by the Trustees at the next meeting in order to close out sales now pending before the board.

The following bills amounting to $734.84 were approved and checks ordered drawn in favor of the following:

Frank C. Pelot, Clerk—Salary for 18 days in March plus additional 15 days—1.1 mo. at $175.00 a month $192.50	$192.50
A. C. Bridges, Accountant & Bookkeeper—Salary for 18 days in March plus additional 15 days—1.1 mo. at $275.00 a month $302.50	302.50

Juanita Williams, Clerk and Stenographer—Salary for 18 days in March plus additional 15 days—1.1 mo. at $150.00 a month $165.00	165.00
Total	$660.00

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 10.00
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	17.55
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.74
Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	15.50
Commercial Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	18.75
Capital Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.30
Total	$ 74.84
	$734.84

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 25, 1941

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented several deeds where special request had been made for immediate action, one being in connection with a housing project. Information was given that the following deeds were regular in all respects and ready for execution by the Trustees:

DUVAL COUNTY

Sale of December 30, 1940—To E. S. Smith—Deed No. 756

Sale of October 16, 1940—To Maud Humphreys, Executrix of Estate of Julia A. Sperry, deceased—Deed No. 808

Sale of January 28, 1941—To Cecelia Shemer—Deed No. 834

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Sale of January 3, 1941—To Marjorie B. Hamner—Deed No. 795

Motion was made by the Attorney General that the three deeds in Duval County and one in Hillsborough County be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Two bids made by Clarence H. Nelson for land in Dade County were presented, to which protest had been filed by former owners.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to refer the bids of Mr. Nelson, with protests, to the Attorney General for investigation and recommendation.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids received pursuant to rules of the Trustees, which deeds according to counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Alachua	205 to 244 inclusive
Baker	26, 27 and 28
Bay	64 to 92 inclusive
Bradford	39 to 45 inclusive
Brevard	203 to 246 inclusive
Broward	980 to 1041 inclusive 1043 to 1069 inclusive
Charlotte	31 to 44 inclusive
Citrus	27-A; 54 to 71 inclusive 71-A; 72 to 79 inclusive

Clay	61 to 75 inclusive
	77 to 81 inclusive
Columbia	120 to 134 inclusive
Dade	624, 625, 675
	684 to 730 inclusive
	733 to 766 inclusive
	766-A
	767 to 793 inclusive
	795 to 1012 inclusive
	1014, 1015
	1017 to 1067 inclusive
	1069, 1070
	1072 to 1083 inclusive
DeSoto	52 to 63 inclusive
Dixie	11 to 20 inclusive
Duval	172, 323, 464, 541 to 584 inclusive
	588 to 596 inclusive
	598 to 732 inclusive
	734 to 755 inclusive
	757 to 769 inclusive
	771 to 802 inclusive
	804, 806, 807, 809 to 833 inclusive
	835 to 839 inclusive
	841 to 876 inclusive
	878 to 880 inclusive
Escambia	50 to 60 inclusive
Flagler	12, 13 and 14
Franklin	12 to 18 inclusive
Gadsden	62 and 75 to 99 inclusive
	101
Gulf	24 and 25
Hamilton	34 and 41 inclusive
Hardee	55 to 61 inclusive
	63, 64 and 65
Hernando	2 to 8 inclusive
Highlands	88 to 92 inclusive
Hillsborough	460, 475, 494, 496, 500, 527
	626 to 678 inclusive
	680 to 730 inclusive
	732 to 794 inclusive
	796 to 802 inclusive
	804 to 845 inclusive
	847 to 878 inclusive
Holmes	23 and 24
Indian River	148 to 175 inclusive
Jackson	60 to 76 inclusive
Jefferson	21 to 26 inclusive

Lafayette	8 and 9
Lake	220 to 257 inclusive
Lee	95 to 119 inclusive
	121 to 150 inclusive
Leon	34 and 35
Levy	51 to 62 inclusive
Madison	9, 10, 11
Manatee	190 and 192 to 220 inclusive
Marion	105 to 135 inclusive
Martin	41, 119 to 139 inclusive
Monroe	275 to 283 inclusive
Nassau	69 to 82 inclusive
Okaloosa	1 and 2
Okeechobee	14 to 19 inclusive
Orange	532 to 554 inclusive
	556 to 558 inclusive
	560 to 594 inclusive
Osceola	123 to 152 inclusive
Palm Beach	3, 218, 224, 433 and 437
	705 to 733 inclusive
	735 to 738 inclusive
	740 to 771 inclusive
	773
	775 to 818 inclusive
	818½, 819
	821 to 823 inclusive
	825, 826 and 827
Pasco	283 to 323 inclusive
Pinellas	275
	1000 to 1094 inclusive
Polk	406
	437 to 447 inclusive
	449 to 458 inclusive
	460 to 524 inclusive
	526 to 536 inclusive
Putnam	242 to 287 inclusive
	289 to 293 inclusive
Santa Rosa	15 to 28 inclusive
	30 to 48 inclusive
	50 to 63 inclusive
Sarasota	139 to 161 inclusive
Seminole	120 to 139 inclusive
St. Johns	127 to 147 inclusive
St. Lucie	203 to 217 inclusive
Sumter	156 to 203 inclusive
Suwannee	59 to 76 inclusive
Taylor	22 and 37 to 55 inclusive

Volusia	397 to 426 inclusive 428 to 466 inclusive
Wakulla	19 to 33 inclusive 35, 36 and 37
Walton	9 to 28 inclusive
Washington	1 and 23 to 40 inclusive

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to instructions from the Trustees a form of Quit-Claim Deed had been worked out for releasing the whole or any part of the Right of Way for existing State Roads reserved in Murphy Act Deeds; that said form had the approval of the Road Department and the Attorney General, and such releases would not be made except upon approval and recommendation of the State Road Department.

Upon examination of the form of Release motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that form of Quit-Claim as submitted by the Secretary be approved for use in releasing reservation for State Road right of way upon evidence being furnished by the Road Department that such right of way was not desired by the Department. Upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that bids of Lake Worth Drainage District for land in Palm Beach County had been checked as to descriptions and amounts and deeds were ready for execution.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the following deeds in favor of Lake Worth Drainage District be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

County	Deed Number	Amount
Palm Beach	614	$ 405.00
Palm Beach	734	477.50
Palm Beach	772	1,020.00
Palm Beach	820	47.50

Request was submitted for permit in favor of the United States to use a tract of land in Dade County which came to the State under Chapter 18296, described as:

That part of the NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 13, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, of the Coordinate Base, Tallahassee, Florida.

Information was furnished that the parcel was desired for storing and handling pipe and other material in connection with construction of the water supply system for the Key West area.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that permit be issued for a period ending March 31, 1942, in favor of the United States for use of the above described parcel of land.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Attorney General had rendered an opinion with reference to title to State Road Department Division Office Site at Chipley, Florida, to the effect that the State Road Department was entitled to have Certificate No. 4, sale of December 7, 1931, cancelled as provided in Section 992 (10) C.G.L. Perm. Sup.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the necessary steps be taken to have the Murphy Act certificate cancelled against property on which the Division Office is located at Chipley.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for Right of Way Easements over land which came to the State under Chapter 18296, the right of ways desired being in connection with existing roads.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant the following easements for right of way over and across State land:

Bradford County—SRD No. 60, Project 5521—Road No. 261
Clay County—SRD No. 64, Project 1037—Road No. 68
DeSoto County—SRD No. 85, Project 616—Road No. 2
Duval County—SRD No. 25, Project 884 (5085)—Road No. 3
Escambia County—SRD No. 1, Project 5505—Road No. 365
Gadsden County—SRD No. 30, Project 1250 (5098) Road No. 127
Lake County—SRD No. 21, Project 275 (5323) Road No. 8-A

The Easements were authorized executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

A bid of $1 an acre was presented from J. F. Miller of Sarasota, Florida, for land in Section 12, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, which land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296. Information was furnished that the land was assessed in 1932 at $8 an acre, but Mr. Miller requested that the base bid be allowed on a basis of value placed on other lands adjoining which were assessed at 80 cents an acre, as the two tracts of land were of the same character.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline the lower base bid on land applied for by Mr. Miller.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer action on application from J. F. Miller of Sarasota, Florida, offering $200 for two-year timber lease on Sarasota County land which came to the State under Chapter 18296 described as,

Lots 1 to 11, Inclusive, and Lots 13 to 21 Inclusive, Block C, Day Terminals
Lots 1 to 21, Inclusive, Block E, Day Terminals

Telegram was presented from the City of Sanford—H. N. Sayer, City Clerk—requesting that the Trustees waive the rules and accept bid of the City for certain land under Chapter 18296 without carrying out regular procedure of advertising. The land desired is described as being located in Sanford Grove and Grove Park, subdivisions, which parcels are necessary for aviation purposes in connection with National Defense.

The Trustees having no authority to sell land under Chapter 18296 without giving notice, motion was made, seconded and adopted that the City of Sanford be notified that the land would have to be advertised and sold according to the rules and regulations adopted by the board.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that easements be authorized in favor of,

Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation, Nassau County
Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc., Leon County

granting right of way for transmission lines over and across Murphy Act lands in Nassau and Leon Counties, upon proper description being furnished the Secretary.

The following bills amounting to $735.52 were approved and checks ordered issued in payment thereof:

George F. Sampson, Salary for March	$200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Verifier	100.00
R. F. Vason, Verifier	100.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist—20 days @ $85 per month	54.80
Mary Lila Willard, Typist—13 days @ $85 per month	35.62

Miscellaneous Bills

Lawrence A. Truett, Assistant Attorney General	18.60
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	1.50
	$735.52

The following refund checks were issued during March 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Mrs. Emma M. Johnson c/o J. R. Pomeroy, C.C.C. Martin County Stuart, Florida	$10.00
A. F. Carson c/o H. T. Piety, C.C.C. Highlands County Sebring, Florida	15.00
C. L. Morgan c/o J. R. Hunter, C.C.C. Gulf County Wewahitchka, Florida	3.75
Harry Klein c/o J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	12.50
R. C. Keebler c/o H. C. Mickler Hernando County Brooksville, Florida	25.00

William C. Knox c/o E. R. Bennett, C.C.C. Broward County Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	32.50
C. E. Parks & Flora D. Parks c/o E. R. Bennett, C.C.C. Broward County Ft. Lauderdale, Florida	30.00

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. E. B. Casler of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of client submitted an offer of $2000 for approximately 1898 acres of State land described as follows:

	Sec.	S. Twp.	E. Rg.	Acres
NW¼ of SE¼; S½ of SE¼; W½	18	17	16	440.93
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	19	17	16	522.74
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	30	17	16	366.28
Lots 1 and 2	31	17	16	126.66
NW¼ of SE¼; S½ of SE¼; W½	32	17	16	441.48

with payments to be made over a reasonable length of time.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land had some timber on it and the Field Agent had appraised the land at $2 an acre and he would not recommend selling at less than appraised value. Mr. Casler stated that he had three men make an investigation of the tract and they had appraised it at $2000.

The Attorney General moved that the Trustees sell the land applied for by Mr. Casler at a price fo $2 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General was excused from further attendance at the meeting.

Mr. E. M. Elliott of Sarasota, representing Longboat Bridge Company of Sarasota and Bradenton, applied to the Trustees to purchase approximately 235 acres of land in Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, such areas to be used in the construction of a toll bridge between Anna Maria Key and Longboat Key, together with approximately 6200 feet of approaches and the building of a highway at an elevation of ten feet above mean low tide to become a continuation of State Road

No. 18. The proposal also contemplated the building of a seawall to protect the bridge and approaches, and the highway, from being washed away during unusually high tides or storms. It was agreed that the highway would be turned over to the State Road Department upon its completion.

Mr. Elliott and Mr. Dozier A. DeVane informed the board that construction of the bridge would be under authority of a franchise from the Federal Government, acquired by Act of Congress approved June 6, 1940; that the public was behind the project, the County Commissioners were fully cooperating and it would mean access to one of the most beautiful spots in the State. In view of all the benefits to accrue to that section and the State as a whole, and in consideration of the highway to be turned over to the Road Department, an offer of $1 an acre was submitted for the land.

The Trustees were not inclined to sell the land at the price offered, but upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, the Trustees were agreeable to selling the tract applied for by Longboat Bridge Company at a price of $1000 on a four year contract, conditioned upon construction and delivery to the State Road Department of a highway to connect with State Road No. 18 at a suitable point and other improvements outlined by applicants.

Mr. Elliott was advised that the land would have to be advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. Bayless reported that the State had made application to the United States, Department of the Interior, for selection of 632.90 acres of swamp land in Escambia County, and that the Special Agent being sent down to examine the land had requested the Land Clerk to accompany him on the trip.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Mr. Bayless be directed to accompany the Federal Agent on an examination of lands in Escambia County as requested by the Department.

Application was presented from A. R. Richardson to purchase approximately 6800 acres of land in Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, with offer of $6 and $8 an acre.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the offers of Mr. Richardson be declined, it being the opinion of the Trustees that the land was worth more than the offers made.

The following bills amounting to $1,418.15 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time	50.00
J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C., West Palm Beach, Fla.	3.55
C. M. Gay, C.C.C., Orlando, Florida	1.30
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	138.30
	$1,418.15

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 1, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capital.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliott, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Governor Holland reported that request had been made for the State to make available $15,000 for soil conservation work in the Everglades area to match Federal funds allocated for such work, and that it would be necessary to determine whether such money should be paid from General Revenue or from Internal Improvement funds.

Mr. Elliot informed the board that last year the Trustees had made available to Everglades Fire Control District $15,000 as a contribution to the Federal project for carrying out a fire control program, conditioned that such sum would be expended for the benefit of State owned lands within Everglades Drainage District. Mr. Elliot also stated that having gone over this matter with Mr. Kay Davis, in charge of the Federal project, he would suggest that the contribution to match Federal funds be made available to the Project and not to the Fire Control District, which arrangement he believed would be satisfactory.

Upon suggestion of the Governor that a motion be made making available $15,000 for this work, Comptroller Lee made the motion that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make available $15,000 for the soil conservation project to match Federal funds. Motion seconded and unanimously adopted.

Governor Holland suggested that the money be allocated at the rate of $5000 monthly his information being that Federal funds had already been exhausted. Mr. Elliot was directed to consult with the representative of the Federal Government for determining detail in connection with disbursement of the contribution.

The issuance of checks to cover the above was authorized.

Offer of $5.75 was submitted from R. F. Shortt for land covered by Everglades Drainage Tax Cert. No. 3464 of 1929, being the

> S½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of NE¼, Section 32, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Mr. Elliott stated that applicant has purchased the land under Chapter 18296 and desires deed from the Trustees under the above tax certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of $5.75 from Mr. Shortt for the land covered by Drainage Tax Cert. No. 3464, and deed was ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless submitted request from Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line of Fort Myers, Florida, for renewal of Shell Lease covering an area in the Caloosahatchee River and Matlacha Pass, offering 15c per cubic yard for all shell removed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, the Trustees authorized renewal of shell lease in favor of Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line for a period of one year in the territory above described, upon payment of 15 cents per cubic yard.

Offer of $30 was presented from R. E. Padgett, Okeechobee, for grazing lease approximately 160 acres of State land in Sections 10, 12 and 13, Township 38 South, Range 34 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue Grazing lease in favor of Mr. Padgett for the period ending January 1, 1942, covering the area applied for upon payment of $30. Lease was ordered issued.

Application was presented from William T. Hull of LaBelle, Florida, offering 10 cents an acre for Grazing lease on 2720 acres of State land in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee to issue Grazing lease in favor of Mr. Hull for a period of one year on State land described as Sections 3, 11, 15; N½ and SW¼ of Section 23; N½ of Section 27, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, upon payment of 10 cents an acre. Motion duly seconded and unanimously adopted. Whereupon lease was ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless submitted report from Mr. S. S. Savage of timber trespass on State owned land as follows:

Otto Neilson of Eustis, Florida—trespass on the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 12, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, 18,861 feet of pine cut, and

Thomas Williams of Orange City, Florida—trespass on E¾ of the N½ of Section 34, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Lake County—17,331 feet of pine.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, duly seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to make settlement with Otto Neilson and Thomas Williams on a basis of $10 per thousand for all timber removed from State land.

Upon request of the Attorney General, the Land Clerk presented Minutes of the Trustees I. I. Fund dated December 7th, 1938, having reference to proposal from the

Trustees to Ft. Pierce Financing and Construction Co. for purchase of submerged areas in Indian River at Fort Pierce. Information was furnished that the proposal which was never accepted by the Financing Company, was that the Trustees would sell the South 1200 feet of Spoil Area No. 1. along Indian River, at a price of $200 an acre conditioned that 600 feet of the tract would be deeded to the City of Fort Pierce as agreed on.

The Attorney General stated that this matter had been called to his attention and he was in favor of rescinding action of December 7, 1938, since the Company had never acted on the proposal.

Upon discussion of action taken on similar cases, motion was made by Mr. Watson that proposal made by the Trustees December 7, 1938, which Ft. Pierce Financing & Construction Company never accepted, be withdrawn. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Watson moved that the Attorney General be requested to make a thorough investigation of the situation with reference to the submerged areas at Fort Pierce and report his recommendations at the next meeting of the board. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Mayo informed the board that a condition similar to the one at Fort Pierce existed at Panama City, where the Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railroad Company had filled in areas owned by the State and leased them out to oil companies.

Mr. Mayo moved that this case also be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and report to the Trustees. Motion adopted.

With reference to the reported trespass by Wilson Cypress Company on land in Lake and Volusia Counties covering operations a number of years back, Mr. Mayo moved that the Attorney General's office be instructed to start action to recover for any and all timber taken from State owned land and prosecute the parties committing the offense. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from H. H. Bryan of New Smyrna and Chicago, for appointment with the Trustees on Friday, April 4th, for Messrs. Herbert Fuller, George Fullerton and I. Walter Hawkins and himself on the subject of liquidation of New Smyrna—DeLand Drainage District.

The Trustees being unable to hold a meeting on the date desired, directed that Mr. Bryan be notified that a meeting could be had on April 15th.

Mr. A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee and Mr. Luther Jones of Belleglade, submitted offers on behalf of nine clients for land owned by the State. The applicants were asked to submit their applications at the afternoon session; whereupon the meeting recessed till 2:30 o'clock.

TWO-THIRTY O'CLOCK P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with all members present except Comptroller Lee.

Messrs. Richardson and Jones re-submitted offers for State land as follows:

> $30 an acre for Hiatus Lots 1, 2, 3, between Townships 43/44 South, Range 37 East.
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> $20 an acre for Sections 15, 19, 28, 29 and 30, North of Bolles Canal in Township 44 South, Range 37 East.
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> $20 an acre for Hiatus Lots 3 & 4 and that portion of Lot 5 North of Bolles Canal in Township 44 South, between Ranges 36/37 East.
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> $10 an acre for that portion of Hiatus Lot 5 South of Bolles Canal, and Lot 6, Township 44 South, between Ranges 36/37 East.
>
> $10 an acre for Hiatus Lot 1, Township 45 South, between Ranges 36/37 East.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that Section 15 of Township 44 South, Range 37 East, should not be disposed of at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, that the offers submitted as above for State land in Palm Beach County be accepted with the exception of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, with payment to be on the ten-year contract plan. All conveyances to be made subject to any outstanding taxes.

Mr. W. W. Colson, Jr., of Miami, representing client, made application to the Trustees for release of oil and mineral reservations contained in Deed No. 16396 in favor of the Florida East Coast Railway Company, from which company his clients took title. Mr. Colson stated that the land comprising 23,900 acres is located in the Cape Sable area; that his client has been paying taxes since he purchased the property in 1925 and all taxes are paid up except for the current year; that they have parties interested in leasing the land for oil exploration but they will not take the land with the reservation held by the State.

It was explained that the Trustees make a charge of from 50 cents to $2 an acre for releasing statutory reservations in deeds. Mr. Colson stated that such amount would be out of the question for his client; that he was not in position to pay anything but a very nominal sum. As an alternate proposal he suggested that the Trustees and the owners of the property join in a lease on a 50-50 basis of royalty derived from the lease.

It was suggested that Mr. Colson submit his proposals in writing for consideration of the Trustees at the next meeting, which suggestion became the action of the board.

Mr. Fred Kent and H. Fletcher Martin, of the law firm of Adair, Kent, Ashby & McNatt, Jacksonville, representing Miami Corporation and Deering Properties, submitted an offer of $100.00 an acre for approximately 23.41 acres of swamp land owned by the State in Section 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, through which the City of Coral Gables desires a right of way for straightening the canal in order to get out into deep water. Mr. Bell, City Commissioner of the City of Coral Gables, urged that the Trustees accept the offer of the company and make it possible to improve an area which has always been a breeding ground for mosquitos. Mr. Harold B. Lewis, representing Miami Corporation, stated that the City had agreed to construct the bulkhead, the county to place the soil material on the tract; also, the City would be given right of way for canal improvement proposed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of $100 an acre for the 23.41 acres of swamp land, plus advertising costs, it being agreed that the City of Coral Gables will have a right of way sufficient for straightening the canal as desired. The land was ordered advertised as required by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF LANDS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Governor Holland reported that he had requested Mr. Elliot to notify the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of Dade and Monroe Counties to withhold from sale any land located within the proposed Everglades National Park and would like to have approval of such action.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the action of the Governor be approved and that all lands under the Murphy Act lying within the limits of the proposed Everglades National Park be withdrawn from sale, except in cases where original owner desires to clear title to land formerly owned by him. Motion adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Clerks of Dade and Monroe Counties had already been notified to withdraw from sale all lands coming to the State under the Murphy Act which are located within the proposed Everglades National Park area.

Mr. Elliot reported that request had been received from the Board of Public Instruction of Sarasota County for release of Easement for State Road R/W contained in Murphy Act Deed No. 81, dated 10-8-1940, Sarasota County; that the request had been submitted to the Road Department, and such department had recommended that easement for road right of way be released.

Upon motion of Comptroller Lee, seconded and adopted, the Trustees authorized issuance of Quit Claim in favor of the Board of Public Instruction of Sarasota County releasing State Road Right of Way contained in Deed No. 81 Sarasota County.

The Attorney General reported that rules and regulations had been worked out by his office and Mr. Elliot, and that only a few changes had been made in the procedure heretofore followed, the main change being the inclusion of a clause with reference to municipal and drainage district liens.

The suggested rules and regulations were submitted for consideration by the Trustees. Upon discussion of the subject Mr. Watson moved that the Rules and Regulations as submitted with the changes agreed upon be adopted by the Trustees as the procedure to be followed in future for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote unanimously adopted.

The Secretary was directed to furnish all Clerks of the Circuit Courts with copy of new instructions.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 8, 1941

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo. Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Elliot reported that Deed No. 457—Duval County—dated September 11, 1940, in favor of Charles A. Hull, contained erroneous description and Deed No. 881 has been drawn correcting such error. Correction deed is ready for approval and authorization for execution.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Deed No. 881 correcting Deed No. 457 be executed in favor of Charles A. Hull of Duval County.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 11, 1941

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

MATTERS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Request was presented from the City of Lake City that the Trustees execute Columbia County Deed No. 135 at the earliest date possible as the land was desired in connection with an airport in cooperation with the National Defense program.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that Deed No. 135 in favor of the city of Lake City be approved and execution thereof authorized. The Secretary was directed to have deed executed and forwarded as early as possible.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Engineer and Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 15, 1941

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Thomas A. Dyer of Tampa appeared before the Trustees and requested that his client, Gordon R. Bevis, be allowed to redeem his land described as S. 20 ft. of Lot 2 & N. 30 ft. of Lot 3, Block 34, Avalon Heights, Hillsborough County, from a 1934 State and County tax sale certificate and that such certificate be cancelled, statement being made that Mr. Bevis offered to redeem his property from taxes in November 1938 but was informed by the Clerk's office that the certificate was not subject to redemption.

Mr. Dyer also stated that upon advertisement of his client's property protest was made and allowed upon depositing of amount of high bid plus 10% and costs as required under the protest rule, but he felt this property should not have reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, but that his client should be allowed to redeem from taxes as of November 1938 when he attempted to do so.

The Attorney General stated that he did not believe the Trustees could allow redemption as requested but that this was a case to illustrate how the Trustees hands were tied under the Murphy Act and some legislation should be enacted at this session of the legislature giving the board authority to protect former owners.

Discussion was had as to method of disposing of this case and it was suggested that the bid of non-owner be rejected and bid of former owner, submitted with protest, be accepted.

Information was given by Mr. Elliot as to the procedure heretofore followed in protest cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees accept the bid of Gordon R. Bevis amounting to $331.65 as the highest and best bid received for land reported in sale of Hillsborough County dated November 25, 1940. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Comptroller Lee voting in the negative.

Comptroller Lee stated that if the mere filing of a protest constituted rejection of a bid, he desired to make a motion that such rule be changed at once. No action taken on motion.

The Attorney General was excused from further attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Elliot presented Right of Way Easement in favor of American Telephone & Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, which easement was authorized issued by the Trustees on November 19, 1940, upon receipt of correct description of strip to be used, accompanied by check covering price agreed upon—50 cents per running rod—for right of way 26½ feet wide across land under Chapter 18296 located in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that easement in favor of American Telephone & Telegraph Company as authorized by the Trustees November 19, 1940, be approved for execution. Motion adopted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for Right of Way easement covering three parcels of land in Escambia County which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees authorized execution of right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department through and across land in Sections 2 and 10, Township 5 North, Range 31 West, for use in connection with State Road No. 62, Project 5140, SRD 134.

The Secretary presented letter from the State Road Department requesting release of a portion of the right of way reservation in Sumter County, Deed No. 128 in favor of Mrs. N. M. Smith.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees execute quit-claim deed in favor of Mrs. N. M. Smith, relinquishing that portion of the reservation described as follows:

> The East 67 feet of the West 75 feet of Lot 2, Block 18 in Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo. seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the State Road Department be requested to furnish the Secretary's Office and the Land Department each a copy of the recently compiled book of county maps without cost, it being deemed desirable to have these copies for checking right of ways granted by the State to the Road Department.

Application was submitted from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County for permission to advertise Nine (9) lots at Oldsmar, or Tampa Shores, based on the 1940 assessed value instead of 1932, statement being made that the 1932 value was unusually high.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to decline request of Pinellas County Clerk for reduction in base bid.

Request was presented from A. B. Black of Lake City, on behalf of client, J. D. Hill, that the Trustees allow advertisement and sale of land formerly owned by Mr. Hill, located within the boundaries of Camp Blanding.

The Trustees having heretofore withdrawn from sale all Murphy Act land within the Camp Blanding area, the Trustees directed that Mr. Black be informed of the action taken, which action the Trustees reaffirmed.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds, according to counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Gadsden	No. 100
Hillsborough	No. 879
Pasco	No. 324
Santa Rosa	No. 29

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each of the above counties, the deeds listed were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Guy M. Strayhorn, Representative from Lee County, presented the case of March Giles, colored, about 60 years old, on whose home Frank Taylor has made a bid of $224.71. Information was furnished that Giles and his wife have owned this property about 15 years, have always paid taxes until Homestead Exemption bill was passed and have only paid City taxes since that time thinking they were exempt from all others. Giles is willing to pay up all taxes, amounting to $97.37 but cannot raise the money to meet protest bid and have the property readvertised.

Upon consideration of the facts submitted, the Trustees rejected the bid of Frank Taylor and directed that amount of $224.71 be refunded.

The Secretary presented a number of Special Cases for consideration of the Trustees, request being made that the base bid be reduced in each case covering applications reported from the following counties:

Alachua
Brevard
Hardee
Hernando
Hillsborough
Manatee
Martin
Palm Beach
Pinellas

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to reduce the base bid of one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value in the cases submitted from the above listed counties.

Letter was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Holmes County requesting that the Trustees issue deed without cost to home property of a woman in that County who has no means of support and is disabled on account of excessive weight. The Clerk agrees to pay cost of advertising.

Upon discussion, the Trustees were of the opinion that they had no authority to convey title without compensation, but the Secretary was directed to notify the Clerk to not accept application on the property unless made by the former owner.

The Secretary reported that numerous objections had been filed to reservation in deeds with reference to municipal and drainage tax liens and that some counties advised they would very soon have no applications to purchase as attorneys, abstract and insurance companies would not pass affirmatively on titles with such reservations in deeds.

Mr. Elliot was requested to take the matter up with the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General, reported that New Smyrna DeLand Drainage District had presented to the Trustees the matter of working out a purchase of approximately 11,000 acres of land within the District which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296;

that the District has informed the board that they have no money to purchase these lands and the question is how acquisition may be accomplished.

It was suggested that a legislative Act could give the Trustees authority to transfer the lands to the District, without payment, or give instructions with reference to sale.

Mr. Larson moved that New Smyrna DeLand Drainage District be advised that it would be necessary to have a special act passed at this session of the legislature as the Trustees have no authority to sell the land at the price offered. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

The following bills amounting to $90.09 were approved and checks ordered in payment thereof:

Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee ,Fla.	$10.75
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	13.01
Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	2.28
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	37.50
Capital Office Supply Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	4.15
Lawrence A. Truett, Asst. Atty. General	22.40
	$90.09

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

The Trustees on December 19, 1940, accepted offer of $2 an acre from the City of Vero Beach for approximately 63.6 acres of bottom lands along the shore of the Indian River, to be used for city purposes. No meeting of the board having been held May 8, consideration was postponed till this date. The following Notice was published in the Press-Journal, Vero Beach, Florida, in the issues of March 7, 14, 21, 28, and April 4, 1941:

> NOTICE
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> Tallahassee, Florida, February 28, 1941
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> NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, April 8, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in INDIAN RIVER County, Florida:

All of the bottom lands along the West shore of the Indian River where the mean low water level depth is 3 feet, or less, and all other areas having a depth of 3 feet or less which lie between the North and South incorporated limits of the City of Vero Beach as they now exist and between the mean low water line of the West shore of the Indian River and the West edge of the Inland Navigation Channel of the Indian River, together with the marsh islands built up by sediment at the mouth of the main canal of the Indian River Farms Drainage District, as shown on the plat prepared by Harry W. Damerow, City Engineer, Containing approximately 63.6 acres all told in area.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Trustees having received no objections, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted that sale be consummated to the City of Vero Beach for a consideration of $2 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

On March 4, 1941, the Trustees accepted offer of $25 submitted by John D. Shepard of Cocoa, on behalf of Anna M. Simpson Harrison, for approximately one-fourth of an acre of submerged land in Brevard County, adjacent to upland ownership of applicant. Pursuant to action taken the following Notice was published in the Star Advocate Titusville, Florida, in the issues of March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 4, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday April 15, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in BREVARD County, Florida:

Begin at a point at original high water mark of Elbow Creek (1103.68 feet South and 1288.74 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 27 South, Range 37 East); thence due South 36 feet to a point in the waters of Elbow Creek; thence North 77°13′ East 102.15 feet to a point; thence North 23 feet to point at original high water mark; thence South 86°28′ West 100.31 feet to point of beginning. Lying and being in Township 27 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, Florida.

This notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

There were no objections presented or filed, and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, duly seconded and adopted, sale was made in favor of Anna M. Simpson Harrison upon payment of $25 plus cost of advertising.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees owned the following land in Broward County by virtue of Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificates as follows:

Certificate No. 4202 Sale of 1927—Covering N½ of Tract 5, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East;

Certificate No. 4203 Sale of 1927—Covering S½ of Tract 5, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East.

Also that the land had reverted to the State under Chapter 18296 and that William C. Knox and C. E. Parks and wife had applied to purchase the two parcels under the last named Chapter.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees authorize sale of the parcels under Everglades Tax Certificates on the basis of $101.43 each certificate, and that deeds would then issue under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept $101.43 for each of the parcels applied for by William C. Knox and C. E. Parks and wife as outlined by the Secretary, and deeds were ordered issued upon receipt of above amounts.

Offer of $7.60 was presented from Harris Leveson, Miami Beach, former owner of a parcel now owned by the Trustees under Everglades Drainage Tax Certificate No. 5104 Sale of Augunst 6, 1928, described as,

> N½ of N½ of SE¼ of NW¼ (Except North 15 feet) Section 35, Township 56 South, Range 38 East, Dade County —9¼ acres.

Upon motion by Mr. Mayo, seconded and adopted, the Trustees accepted offer of $7.60 from Mr. Leveson for tract applied for, and deed was ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $25 an acre from Dr. Robert S. Wynn of Jacksonville, Florida, for

> Lot 2, Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County—39 acres.

Information was that the Lot is located north of the St. Johns River about eight miles from Jacksonville, near Heacker Boulevard, and is within a negro settlement.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the offer of $25 an acre be declined, but that the land be offered at $35 an acre. Motion seconded and adopted.

Application was submitted from the United States for a parcel of land 64 x 106 feet located in Section 24, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, adjacent to State Highway No. 29 and Indian Prairie Canal, the tract being desired as a location for a meteorological tower.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded and adopted, the Trustees granted request of the United States for use of the parcel applied for and authority was given for execution of the proper instrument.

Request was presented from W. K. Scammell, Commander U. S. Coast Guard, for use of a strip of water bottom 150 feet wide by 1900 feet long, adjacent to tract the United States is acquiring in Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, on which the Coast Guard station is to be erected. It was agreed that no structures would be placed on the strip above mean low water, except mooring or fender devices.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees authorized easement covering the strip applied for to the United States Coast Guard for such period as is needed by the Government.

Motion was made seconded and adopted, granting lease in favor of G. A. Shackleford, Zolfo Springs, Florida, on the following described land:

NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 22, Township 35 South,
Range 26 East, Hardee County,

upon payment of $6.50 for lease expiring January 1, 1942.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across marsh lands in Section 46, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County, desired in connection with State Road No. 14-A.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant easement in favor of the State Road Department across lands applied for as right of way for State Road No. 14-A, St. Johns County.

Mr. Bayless presented request from W. D. Jones, Jr., requesting release of reservations in Deed No. 18319 in favor of the United States dated September 15, 1935, conveying tract of land known as Wards Training Wall, at the entrance of the St. Johns River.

Upon motion, seconded and duly adopted, the Trustees authorized execution of quit claim deed in favor of the United States releasing statutory reservations in Deed No. 18319.

Application was presented from Lonnie A. Hough, Ft. Myers, Florida, offering $1 an acre for Sections 19, 30, 31 and 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, conveyance to be subject to Everglades Drainage District taxes.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land applied for by Mr. Hough was under lease to G. W. Whitehurst, expiring in September this year.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the offer from Mr. Hough be declined for the time being, pending expiration of Whitehurst lease.

Offer of $450 was presented from W. H. Sanchez, Trenton, Florida, for purchase of the SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, Gilchrist County.

Information was furnished that in November 1940 the Trustees agreed on a price of $450 for this land, which was in conformity with the Field Agent's appraisal.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept the offer of $450 from Mr. Sanchez for the 40 acres described above.

Request was presented from Consumers Gas and Fuel Company for five year lease on the N½ of Section 24, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, with offer of Fifty Cents (50c) an acre for such lease.

The Trustees were informed that the land applied for was a portion of the area recently leased to this Company for oil and gas explorations and the present application was for surface right in order to have a base for operations and suitable storage yard for pipe, pumping stations and oil tanks.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to authorize lease in favor of Consumers Gas & Fuel Company for a period of one year upon payment of 50 cents an acre, the land to be used for the purposes specified above.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $20 an acre from W. F. Bevis, Bartow, Florida, on behalf of N. C. Dopler, for 189.60 acres of State land in Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County, located south of Istokpoga Creek. The Trustees were of the opinion that the offer was too low for the land.

W. Martin Burket of Wewahitchka, Florida, offered $4 per thousand feet for five year exclusive lease for taking dead head cypress timber from Dead Lakes in Calhoun and Gulf Counties.

Upon consideration of the offer, Comptroller Lee moved that the Trustees agree to five year lease in favor of W. Martin Burket upon payment of $4 per thousand feet for all dead head cypress timber removed from Dead Lakes. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

Mr. Lee also moved that the Trustees establish a lien on the timber to the extent that no other party can set up a claim until the State has collected amount due it. Motion seconded and adopted.

Application was presented from I. G. Atwell, West Palm Beach, Florida, offering $20 an acre for Section 33, Township 42 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, located south of Conners Highway at a point approximately eight miles east of Canal Point.

Upon motion seconded and duly adopted, the offer from Mr. Atwell of $20 an acre was accepted for the land above described, conveyance to be made subject to all Drainage District taxes.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $20 an acre from C. A. Bailey, Belle Glade, Florida, for the

E½ of Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 38
East, Palm Beach County,

the opinion of the Trustees being that the land was worth more than the price offered.

Application was received from F. W. Cason of Miami, Florida, offering $30 an acre for 151.45 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to upland property of applicant on Little Kraemer Island.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that this land was sold to Mr. Cason and associates in 1925 and payment of one-fourth was made. Mortgage was later foreclosed resulting in title being put back in the State, and the Trustees adopted the policy of not selling any lands on the lake side of the levee owing to danger from storms.

Based on former policy, motion was made, seconded and adopted to decline offer of Mr. Cason.

Request was submitted from R. A. Baker of Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of Consolidated Operations Corporation, that Mineral Sand Lease No. 88 be enlarged to include additional area on the Indian River in St. Lucie and Martin Counties, extending the territory from Wabasso to Jupiter Inlet.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to grant request and it was ordered that Lease No. 88 be amended to include the additional territory requested.

Mr. Bayless presented statement from South Florida Conservancy District in amount of $18.88 representing taxes for the years 1935 through 1938 assessed by that District on Lot 12, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East. The said Lot was sold to J. J. Gennille of Bare Beach in 1938 and the taxes should have been paid by the State at the time.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that check be drawn in amount of $18.88 in payment of South Florida Conservancy District taxes for the years 1935 through 1938 on Lot 12, Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from B. B. Pinner in which he requested that the board reduce price agreed on in October 1940—$150 an acre—for submerged areas adjacent to his island in Lake Worth, Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. Application was made for approximately 4 acres, but accurate survey revealed an acreage of 15.27 acres, and Mr. Pinner asked that in view of the increase a lower price be agreed on.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees decline to reduce price agreed on at meeting in October 1940.

Mr. Elliot advised the Trustees that a Bill had been introduced in the Legislature, providing for homesteading State lands.

Discussion was had on the bill, but no action taken.

The following bills amounting to $5,556.43 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Florida State Planning Board, Everglades Soil Conservation Program — Matching Federal Funds	$5,000.00
Vero Beach Press-Journal, Vero Beach, Fla.	11.25
The Titusville Star-Advocate, Titusville, Fla.	10.00
Corporation Service Company of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.	6.00

Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
F. E. Bayless, Tallahassee, Fla	38.60
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	448.15
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade	18.55
South Florida Conservancy District	18.88
	$5,556.43

Financial Statement for the month of March 1941, is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1941
CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS

Various Land Sales	$ 7,344.14	
Wood Sales	12.75	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	682.62	
Sale Timber Land—Chapter 14572	3,354.78	
Fishing Campsite	63.75	
Logs Lease	93.75	
Grazing Lease	117.26	
Timber Lease	758.38	
Turpentine Lease	150.00	
Mineral Lease	121.07	
Water Bottoms Permit	37.50	
Salt Lake Bottoms	488.74	
Oil Lease	720.00	
Farm Lease	191.25	
Quit Claim to Sovereignty Lands	37.50	
Total Receipts during month	$ 14,173.49	
Balance on hand March 1, 1941	162,266.22	
	$176,439.71	
Less Disbursements	2,965.12	
Balance March 31, 1941		$173,474.59

BALANCE IN BANKS MARCH 31, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$141,142.11	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	14,511.17	
Total amount in banks		$173,474.59

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Mar. 3,	11894	Palm Beach Publication, Inc.	$ 22.50
	11896	S. S. Savage	146.70
	11897	F. E. Bayless	76.47
	11898	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11899	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11900	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11901	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11902	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11903	H. L. Shearer	50.00
19,	11906	W. B. Granger	15.10
	11907	Hon. J. Tom Watson	7.20
	11908	William Logan Hill	4.00
25,	11909	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11910	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11911	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11912	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11913	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11914	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	11915	J. Alex Arnette	3.55
	11916	C. M. Gray (Gay)	1.30
	11917	S. S. Savage	138.30
		Total disbursements for March 1941	$2,965.12

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1941
CHAPTER 18296

Balance March 1, 1941	$687,755.27	
Receipts—Land sales	12,342.84	
	$700,098.11	
Less Disbursements	2,584.11	
Balance March 31, 1941		$697,514.00

BALANCE IN BANKS MARCH 31, 1941

Capital City Bank, Tallahasse, Florida	$ 5,197.49	
Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	692,316.51	
Total amount in banks		$697,514.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Mar. 3	1534	Frank C. Pelot	$ 175.00
	1535	Helen Phillips	110.00
	1536	Mary Evans Voss	85.00
	1537	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1538	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1539	A. C. Bridges	275.00
	1540	Juanita Williams	150.00
	1541	R. F. Vason	85.00
	1542	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1543	M. C. McIntosh	5.00
	1544	Mrs. Emma M. Johnson	10.00
	1545	A. F. Carson	15.00
6,	1546	C. L. Morgan	3.75
	1547	Harry Klein	12.50
11,	1548	R. C. Keebler	25.00
14,	1549	William C. Knox	32.50
	1550	C. E. Parks & Flora D. Parks	30.00
19,	1552	A. C. Bridges	302.50
	1553	Juanita Williams	165.00
	1554	Southeastern Telephone Company	10.00
	1555	Western Union	17.55
	1556	Postal Telegraph Company	1.74
	1557	Capital City Publishing Company	15.50
	1558	Commercial Office Supply Company	5.00
	1559	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	18.75
	1560	Capital Office Supply Company	6.30
21,	1561	Frank C. Pelot	192.50
25,	1562	George F. Sampson	200.00
	1563	Helen Phillips	125.00
	1564	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	1565	R. F. Vason	100.00
	1566	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1567	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1568	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1569	Robert Hensley	54.80
	1570	Mary Lila Willard	35.62
31,	1571	Lawrence A. Truett	18.60
	1572	F. C. Elliot	1.50

Total disbursements for March, 1941 ...... $2,584.11

Minutes of the Trustees dated March 1st, 4th, 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th and 11th, presented and upon motion seconded and adopted, were approved.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 22, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the offce of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Secretary presented offer of $100 from E. A. Garner, Chief of Police, Sarasota, for Lot 13, Block "A", Subdivision of Grove Heights, Sarasota, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to accept offer of $100 from E. A. Garner for the Lot applied for.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Miami Quarterdeck Club requesting that lease authorized February 4 for a period of one year be extended to a three year lease on two acres of submerged land in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County—Payment to be $25 for the first year and $50 annually for the next two years. Applicant also requested the following: Privilege of renewing lease at expiration of the three-year period at a price to be agreed upon, but not less than $50 annually; Refusal to purchase in the event property offered for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees issue the lease for a three-year period upon payment of $25 for the first year; $50 for the second year and $50 for the third year. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. The Trustees also agreed to give the Club opportunity to purchase in case of sale, also option for renewal of lease at price to be agreed upon, but not less than $50.00 annually.

Application was presented from P. C. Keesee and James A. Ball, Jr., on behalf of F. L. Ruthledge and wife, offering $15 an acre for all of Section 29, Township 44 South, Range 38 East, south and west of Hillsboro Canal in Palm Beach County. Mr. Bayless reported that the land was located approximately 8 miles east of Belle Glade, between Six Mile Bridge and Brown Farm, was not in any sub-drainage district and purchaser would have to install water control.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees sell the portion of Section 29 applied for by Keesee and Ball at a price of $15 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $4 per thousand from W. Martin Burket for green timber to be taken from Dead Lakes and, if approved by the Trustees, to become a part of lease authorized April 15 in favor of Mr. Burket for removing dead timber.

Upon consideration it was deemed advisable to allow the dead and green timber to be removed by the same person in order to eliminate trespass.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that lease authorized April 15 in favor of W. Martin Burket be amended to include the removal of green timber from Dead Lakes upon payment of $4 per thousand. Upon vote motion was duly adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees declined to sell approximately 156 acres of Glades County land in Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, applied for by Wendell C. Heaton on behalf of clients Smith and Yetter. The Trustees were of the opinion that the price was insufficient as rental of 25 cents an acre was now being paid for the land.

Mr. Bayless presented an offer of $1,150.00 cash from Raymon Clayton Way, Attorney of Winter Haven, for assignment of Trustees' Mortgage No. 17218 from Henry

A. Marks, covering 131 acres in Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 28 East, Polk County. Information was given that there remains an unpaid balance of $3,406.00 principal, plus 6% interest from May 23, 1928, to date, and that the land is worth the principal and interest on the mortgage.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that offer from Mr. Way be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted and offer for the mortgage refused.

Offer of $75 an acre was presented from Mr. Walter Hayn for 5 acres of lake bottom land on Lake Osborne, Palm Beach County, described as

> N½ of NE¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 43 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the offer from Mr. Hayn be declined. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote duly adopted.

It was agreed that if Mr. Hayn desired to submit a better offer the Trustees would give the matter further consideration.

Mr. Bayless reported that in 1875 the Trustees conveyed to A. Given the

> NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 1, Township 22 South, Range 29 East, Orange County,

and in October 1881 the same land was conveyed through error to Hamilton Disston; that in November 1892 Florida Land & Improvement Company, successor to Disston, quit-claimed the land to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. It has now developed that the erroneous conveyance has clouded the title of successor, to A. Given, and C. A. Boyer of Orlando, representing such successor, requests quit-claim deed from the State to his client based on the above facts.

Upon verification of the above facts, motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees execute quit-claim deed in favor of Mr. Boyer's client to the above described land.

Application was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way across Biscayne Bay for use in construction of 36th Street Causeway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted that the Trustees grant right of way to the State Road Department over and across land designated as follows:

> A strip of bay bottom land across Biscayne Bay being through and across portions of Sections 19, 30, 20, 29, 21, 28, 27 and 22, Township 53 South, Range 42 East—Dade County. SRD No. 1, 36th Street Causeway—Miami.

Mr. Bayless reported that lease issued in favor of W. Martin Burket and subsequently assigned to Tidewater Red Cypress Company, providing for taking timber from Dead Lakes, had never been cancelled of record and recommended that the Trustees take action on the matter at this time.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that lease No. 18490 dated May 16, 1939 issued in favor of W. Martin Burket and assigned by him to Tidewater Red Cypress Company, be cancelled and that the records show such cancellation.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. H. E. Motter of West Palm Beach, representing Lake Worth Drainage District, requested that the Trustees accept $5000 as a base bid for advertising all of the land owned by the State within the district, comprising approximately 18,000 acres, except 300 acres formerly owned by Clent Moore who is making arrangements to submit bid on his tract. Information was furnished that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is willing to put up the money for purchasing the land on the above basis. Mr. Motter stated that the land was unimproved and with taxes of Lake Worth Drainage District outstanding on the entire tract and Everglades Drainage District taxes on a portion of the acreage; that delinquent taxes on these lands averaged $100.00 an acre; that if the district could make this deal they might possibly sell some of the land for home sites and make other use of the remainder.

Mr. A. A. Poston, member of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, was present and recommended that the sale be made on the basis suggested by Mr. Motter, stating that the District would clean out the ditches and make the land suitable for use and assist in getting it back on the tax roll.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted that subject to the concurrence of the Comptroller and Attorney General the Trustees accept the proposal submitted from Lake Worth Drainage District and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County to advertise the land applied for with a base bid of $5000.

Mr. W. A. Williams, Mayor of Palatka, submitted petition from the City of Palatka, requesting that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County to advertise approximately 2851 lots within the city limits with a base bid of $400. Letter from the Clerk was presented in which information was given that the City had foreclosed tax liens on the lots and had acquired title from such proceedings; that the assessed value of the property for the year 1932 was $70,400 with taxes due since 1928; the Clerk recommended that the request of the City be granted.

It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a report from the Field Agent as to the character of these lots, comprising approximately 520 acres, and also that the other two members of the board be present for final action.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Field Agent be requested to make examination of the tract applied for by the City of Palatka and make report to the Trustees as soon as possible.

Mr. Bogue, City Manager of Palatka, asked that the Trustees request the Field Agent to check assessed values in Putnam County as property generally is assessed at more than the full value, which has been an obstacle in making sales. The Trustees agreed that this could be done and it was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	3/31/41	1
	4/1/41	1
Bay	3/31/41	14
Columbia	3/17/41	28
	3/31/41	12
	4/14/41	8
DeSoto	3/21/41	4
	3/28/41	5
Gadsden	3/29/41	12
Gulf	4/7/41	4
Hamilton	4/14/41	2
Holmes	11/1/40	1
	12/27/40	6
Lafayette	4/1/41	1
Leon	9/23/40	3
	9/30/40	12
	10/7/40	3
	11/1/40	3
Martin	3/28/41	8
Monroe	4/2/41	106
Nassau	3/24/41	3
Okaloosa	3/23/40	1
	10/19/40	1
	11/23/40	4
Okeechobee	4/7/41	1
Osceola	3/24/41	15
Polk	1/31/41	2
St. Lucie	4/7/41	29
Santa Rosa	12/30/40	2
Seminole	3/31/41	27
Sumter	3/17/41	9
Suwanee	2/10/41	6
Wakulla	9/21/40	1
	3/29/41	1
Walton	3/28/41	13

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each county, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject however to protest to any bid filed under protest rule.

Mr. Elliot submitted two petitions from Marion County citizens protesting sale of grazing land to R. H. Redding on a bid of $882.00 reported in sale of April 14, 1941 covering approximately 630 acres in the Southern part of Marion County.

Mr. Mayo explained that the protests involved a question of a closed cattle range and it had been represented to him that if the land was sold to Mr. Redding a large number of cattle would be turned in on the area depriving others of grazing pasture and would give Mr. Redding access to the entire section which had been fenced off by the County individuals.

Upon consideration of the petitions, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted that the Trustees decline bid of Mr. Redding and that protest be sustained and held up for a period of 90 days in order to allow petitioners time to raise money for meeting protested bid.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Bay	93 to 106 inclusive
Hardee	62
Jackson	77 to 87 inclusive
Lee	151 to 159 inclusive
Leon	36

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Telegram was presented from A. D. Rich Lumber Company of Panama City, offering $450 for all merchantable timber on the

S½ of Section 9, Township 6 South, Range 3 West,
Franklin County.

Mr. Elliot reported that the land was in the State by virtue of Murphy Act certificate No. 1417, Sale of 1933 with an assessed value in 1932 of $800.

The Attorney General having advised that the Trustees had authority to dispose of products from Murphy Act lands, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees authorize timber lease on the tract applied for at the price offered by Rich Lumber Co.

Request was submitted for release of reservation for State Road Right of Way in Dade County, Deed No. 773 dated January 9, 1941, in favor of Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, Inc. Mr. Elliot presented recommendation from the State Road Department that quit claim deed be issued as to reservation covering

> Lot 2 and 4 to 8 inclusive of Block 80, of the City of Opa Locka, Florida.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that quit claim deed be executed in favor of Glenn H. Curtiss Properties, Inc., releasing the reservation for State Road right of way from Dade County Deed No. 773 as applying to Lots 2 and 4 to 8, inclusive, of Block 80 of the City of Opalocka, Florida.

Letter was presented from the Attorney General's office with reference to paragraph from letter of Mr. Benjamin Catchings, Regional Title Attorney of the United States, Atlanta, Georgia. Statement was made that it was almost impossible for the United States to abide by the rules governing Murphy Act sales and also conform to Federal regulations. It was requested that upon application for sale by the United States or any Government agency the Trustees not require deposit prior to advertisement, and in case the United States is the highest bidder that deed be executed and transmitted with voucher for the purchase price; payment to be made under established practice.

Upon discussion, motion was made seconded and adopted that the Trustees grant request of the Federal Government and allow sales to be consummated without deposit of fees and costs, payment to be made under the established practice of the Federal Government as outlined above.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from J. H. Treadwell, Jr., that the Trustees allow advertisement of land applied for by the City of Arcadia upon deposit of a base bid of $2000 as agreed on by the Trustees September 17, 1940. Statement was made that the application covers approximately 2500 lots with an assessed value in 1932 of $91,540.00 and the City is now in position to put up the money and have the lots advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the City of Arcadia be allowed to submit application for advertisement of lots within the city limits upon deposit of a base bid of $2000.

The U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, having requested permission to construct a bombing target on a parcel of State owned land in Section 52, Township 12 North, Range 28 East, Nassau County, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that permit be issued to the United States for use of the area desired as a bombing site. It was so ordered and the Secretary was directed to prepare permit for execution.

Application was presented from the City of Lakeland to have advertised certain lots in a subdivision of E½ of NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, Polk County, with the advertising period less than prescribed by the rules. Information was that the land is desired in connection with the School of Air Training in the vicinity of Lakeland.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded and duly adopted, that the advertising period be five days instead of the usual 30 days required; in all other respects the sale to be held according to the usual procedure.

Letter was presented from Adjutant General Vivian Collins advising that certain parcels of land in Clay County within the boundaries of Camp Blanding had reverted to the State under the Murphy Act and that the State Armory Board desired to secure title from the State.

Mr. Elliot reported that he understood a bill had been prepared by the Attorney General which would cover this case, and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County had been notified to withhold from advertisement and sale any lands located within the Camp Blanding area.

The Trustees were of the opinion that no action was necessary pending disposition of the bill before the legislature.

Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County for correction deed changing name of grantee from J. J. Hamersley to Guy E. Daugherty, Executor of the Estate of J. J. Hammersley. Information was furnished that Mr. Hammersley died before deed was delivered to him and by his will Mr. Daugherty was named executor.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that correction deed No. 53 Pinellas County, be issued to Guy Daugherty as Executor of the estate of J. J. Hamersley in accordance with above request.

Action was deferred on several special cases requesting lower base bids.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 25, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot reported that application had been made by the County Commissioners of Pinellas County for certain land under Chapter 18296, which was desired for airport purposes in connection with National Defense; that the sale had been held and amount of bid deposited, all in accordance with rules and regulations of the board, and the County was now requesting that the Trustees take immediate action and approve the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted that Pinellas County Deed No. 1095 in favor of Pinellas County be approved and authority given for execution and delivery of said deed. It was so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 26, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Discussion was had as to employment of an attorney to represent the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as requested by the Attorney General, for handling litigation with reference to the State's interest in refunding of Everglades Drainage District bonds. Governor Holland explained that it was upon his recommendation to the Attorney General that Mr. M. Lewis Hall of Miami, Florida, had been employed; that a few days previously he had sent Mr. Hall to Toledo, Ohio, to confer with Mr. Rorick. The Governor also reported that very satisfactory progress had been made in the litigation and at present the case had reached a very satisfactory stage.

Information was given that Mr. Hall would return to Tallahassee today and make a report to the Governor of the outcome of his conference with Mr. Rorick.

Employment of Mr. M. Lewis Hall to represent the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as above outlined was confirmed and an expense account in amount of $500 was approved for payment.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 29, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The board was informed that insurance on the yacht "Josephine", owned by the Trustees, would expire May 6th and the Conservation Department had advised they would not be in position to renew the policy.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to renew insurance on the "Josephine" on a basis of $1000 with premiums to be paid by the Trustees.

It was also agreed if the Conservation Department continues to use the Launch that the Trustees be reimbursed the amount of the premium, and should increase in insurance be desired, that will be for the Conservation Department to determine.

The following bills amounting to $1,924.20 were approved:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—April Salary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—April Salary	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—April Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—April Salary	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—April Salary	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk, Land Office part time—April Salary	50.00
Millard B. Conklin, Asst. Atty. General—Expense Acct.	45.05
M. Lewis Hall, Miami, Fla. Expense account Everglades litigation	500.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla., Expense Acct.	104.15
	$1,924.20

BILLS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

George F. Sampson, Clerk—Salary for April	$ 200.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper—April salary	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer—April salary	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Stenographer—April salary	100.00
R. F. Vason, Verifier—April salary	100.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist—Salary for April	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist—Salary for April	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield Ray, Verifier, 14 days at $100	46.67
Millard B. Conklin, Asst. Atty. General, Expense account	48.00
Wm. Logan Hill, Clerk U. S. Court, Pensacola, Fla.	2.00
R. B. Marsh, Deputy Clerk, Tallahassee, Fla.	2.00
J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C. West Palm Beach, Fla.	1.75
Christie Hall Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.	177.11
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.25
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	35.70
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	6.80
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
	$1,346.28

The following refund checks were issued during April 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Manuel Gonzalez c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	$ 301.50
Chas. H. Pent Clerk Circuit Court Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	17.00
Chas. H. Pent Clerk Circuit Court Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida Covering protested bids	2,444.85
A. E. Stivender c/o Geo. J. Dykes, C.C.C. Lake County Tavares, Florida	12.50

I. Walter Hawkins Clerk Circuit Court Volusia County DeLand, Florida	8.00
Total	$2,783.85

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 30, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had on April 22, 1941, agreed on a base bid of $5000 for advertising all the remaining lands under Chapter 18296 located within Lake Worth Drainage District as applied for by Mr. H. E. Motter on behalf of the District; that such bid was accepted subject to concurrence by Comptroller Lee and Attorney General Watson, who were absent; that the action taken by the Trustees was concurred in by the Attorney General, but the Comptroller did not concur, necessitating further action by the board. Mr. Elliot further stated that the District requested that the Trustees waive the rule requiring notice by registered mail to former owner or person last paying taxes, since the district was the lien holder and had agreed to allow any former owner to take title from the District upon payment of the purchase price and pro rata cost of the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept $5000 as the base bid on the land applied for April 22 by H. E. Motter on behalf of Lake Worth Drainage Dist., and authorize the advertisement of the tract on such basis; also that the rule be waived requiring registered letter sent to former owner, it being understood that any former owner will have the privilege of taking title from the District as outlined above. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Baker	29 and 30
Broward	1070
Hamilton	42
Hillsborough	Quit Claim Deed No. 843
Lafayette	10
Leon	23; 37 to 42 inc. 44 to 50 inc. 51 to 58 inc.
Nassau	83, 84 and 85
Pinellas	53-Cor., 1096
Putnam	268-Cor., and 291-Cor.
Seminole	140
Suwanee	77, 78, 79 and 80

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements in Bradford and Hillsborough Counties through land under Chapter 18296, such easements being necessary in connection with Camp Blanding near Palatka and McDill Field near Tampa.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees grant easements as requested by the State Road Department on the projects designated as follows:

Bradford County, Road No. 121—Project 5502—SRD 27—Rev. Camp Blanding.
Hillsborough County, Road No. 545—Project 5367—SRD 197 McDill Field.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Larson reported that he had furnished the Secretary with information of the meeting held by the Trustees April 26—the Secretary not being present—at which meeting the board authorized the employment of Mr. Lewis Hall, Attorney of Miami, to assist the Attorney General in the handling of litigation for the Trustees in connection with refunding of Everglades Drainage District bonds.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Governor stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Hall was the only attorney authorized employed by the Trustees to asssit in matters pertaining to this board, which was also the understanding of the other members present.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 6, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. R. R. Saunders, Attorney of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of clients M. R. and Ruby McTigue, made application to purchase 4.7 acres of submerged land adjacent to property owned by them in Government Lot 5, Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. $150 an acre was offered for the land. Request was also made for fill material to build up the parcel applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, to sell the land applied for at the price offered—$150 an acre—plus advertising cost, and to authorize permit in favor of M. R. and Ruby McTigue for taking fill material from New River Sound, in front of the property being sold, at a price of Two Cents per cubic yard.

The land was ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. R. R. Saunders, on behalf of client Ruth G. Faris offered $150 an acre for 2.65 acres of submerged land in Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, adjoining her upland property; also applied for permit to take fill material from New River Sound in front of parcel applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, that the Trustees sell the land applied for by Mr. Saunders' client at a price of $150 an acre, plus cost of advertising, and that permit be issued for taking fill material from New River Sound, in front of property being purchased, at a price of Two Cents (2c) per cubic yard.

The land was ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Upon motion duly seconded and adopted Minutes of the Trustees bearing dates of April 15th, 22nd, 25th, 26th, 29th and 30th, were approved.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 13, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

On April 1, 1941, the Trustees agreed to advertise for objections 23.41 acres of land in Dade County, based on an offer of $100 an acre submitted by Miami Corporation of Cocoplum, Florida; applicant to pay cost of advertising. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News on the following dates:

April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1941.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 4, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, May 13, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in DADE County, Florida:

TRACT "A"

"Commence at the N.W. corner of fractional Section 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida:

thence, due East along the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 2258.28 feet to a point;

thence, South 4°56′8″ East, for a distance of 541.11 feet to a point which is 539.10 feet South of, measured at right angles to, the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof, and being the Point of Beginning of the tract of land herein described;

thence, continue South 4°56′8″ East for a distance of 2,115.74 feet to a point on the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay;

thence, Northwesterly and Northerly meandering the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 3,000 feet, more or less, to the Point of Intersection of the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay with the Southerly bank of the Coral Gables Waterway;

thence, Northeasterly at a normal to the Center Line of said Coral Gables Waterway for a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to a point on the circumference of a circular curve having a radius of 2,800 feet, said curve being tangent to the Northern boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 33 at the N.W. corner thereof;

thence, Southeasterly along the circumference of said circular curve for a distance of 130 feet, more or less, said point being 1,766.62 feet Southeasterly from the N.W. corner of said fractional Section 33 measured along the circumference of the aforesaid circular curve and being 539.10 feet South of the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof, measured at right angles thereto;

thence, due East along a line parallel to and 539.10 feet South of the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 653.12 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Containing 23.41 acres, more or less.''

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

ATTEST:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Mr. Lyle Holcomb, representing Benjamin Russell, presented objections to the sale on the ground that a portion of the land advertised was in front of his client's property lying North of the Coral Gables Waterway, and would shut his land off from the canal or the Bay. He stated that his client would make no objection to the sale of the remainder of the land and did not desire to hold up the sale, except to the tract as above.

Mr. H. Fletcher Martin of Adair, Kent, Ashby & McNatt, representing Miami Corporation, stated that his

Company would have no objection to sale to Mr. Russell of a certain portion of the land, but sale of the bottoms out in front of the area of his client would be detrimental to their holdings. Map was displayed showing the tracts in question and the areas desired by both parties.

The governor suggested that each party be allowed to purchase out to a certain line and the State retain the remainder.

Comptroller Lee suggested that further hearing on the objections be postponed till 2:30 o'clock P. M., whereupon, the meeting was recessed to meet at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

2:30 P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with all members present.

Messrs. Lyle D. Holcomb and H. Fletcher Martin, representing Benjamin Russell and Miami Corporation, respectively, reported that they had reached an understanding as follows with reference to the sale of Dade County lands in Section 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, applied for by Miami Corporation and advertised for objections with sale to be consummated today: that no objections would be interposed by H. Fletcher Martin to sale to Miami Corporation of the land lying South and West of the North line of the Coral Gables Waterway, as shown on map filed with the Land Office; that temporarily no deed be issued to the triangular portion of land lying North and East of the North bank of Coral Gables Waterway, south of a point 539.1 feet South of the North line of Fractional Section 33 containing approximately 4 acres; that a solution for disposition of the triangular tract will be submitted to the Trustees in the near future and that in the meantime the Trustees not reject application for purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees consummate sale to Miami Corporation of the parcels of land to which no protests were filed and that disposition of the four-acre tract be deferred pending agreement between the applicant and objector.

Request was presented from Florida Forest and Park Service for right of way easement through land located along the North line of Section 18, Township 11 South, Range 17 East, Levy County, which land came to the Trustees through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. It was stated that the easement was desired for the purpose of constructing Truck trails through that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that right of way requested by the Florida Forest and Park Service be granted over Levy County lands as described.

Application was submitted from Florida Inland Navigation District for easement through the open waters of Dade County, for use in connection with Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Miami.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way easement in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District through the open waters of Dade County.

Mr. Elliot presented Bill which had been handed to him having reference to oil explorations in Florida, the leasing of State lands, the basis on which leases would be allowed, the requirements for drilling wells, and other necessary conditions.

The Attorney General stated that he had discussed the Bill with Judge Gillis, his assistant, but he could not approve it without further study.

The Governor stated that he had discussed with Judge Buford the question of oil prospects in Florida and that he had some very good ideas on the subject, which he would like the board to hear if it was agreed that some sort of bill be recommended for passage at this session of the Legislature.

After general discussion of the Bill, motion was made by Comptroller Lee to not approve the bill at this time. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented request from G. A. Perkins, Jr., Lake Harbor, Florida, for five-year farm lease on Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County with payment on the following basis:

Clear and install water control for 1st year's rent;
$6 per acre for the 2nd year's rent;

$6.50 per acre for the 3rd year's rent;
$7.00 per acre for the 4th year's rent, and
$7.50 per acre for the 5th year's rent.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted that the Trustees accept the above proposal from Mr. Perkins for renting the Section applied for.

The Land Clerk was directed to prepare lease for execution.

Application was presented from Streety Durrance for renewal of grazing lease on 400 acres of land in Sections 14 and 23, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Trustees agreed to renew Grazing Lease in favor of Mr. Durrance for a period of one year upon payment of 15 cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $10 an acre from Arthur Treister, Miami Beach, Florida, for Lot 16, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer of Mr. Treister declined.

Application was presented from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Arthur Wells, Sam Fleming and Howard Haney, to purchase Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, with offer of $12 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $12 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Richardson on behalf of clients. Motion was adopted and offer declined.

Offer of $15 an acre was submitted from P. C. Keesee for Fractional Section 29, Township 44 South, Range 38 East, containing approximately 15 acres lying north and east of the Hillsborough Canal, and located about 8 miles east of Belle Glade, Palm Beach County.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of $15 an acre from P. C. Keesee for the land described above.

Offer of $500 cash was presented from the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County for the NW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing 10 acres. Application stated that the land was located approximately two miles east of Lake Harbor and was desired as a site for a negro school.

Upon motion being offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees accepted $500 cash for the above described land, the deed to contain reversion clause in case the land is ever used for other than school purposes.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer from H. L. Davis, Callahan, Florida, of $200 for timber located on Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, 80 acres in Nassau County. Information was given that the offer was in line with appraised value of the timber.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted that the Trustees accept $200 for the timber on the 80 acres of State land applied for by Mr. Davis.

Offer of $20 an acre was presented from E. Harris Drew, West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of the Town of Palm Beach, for 14.10 acres of submerged land in Lake Worth, condition of the sale to be that the land would never be bulkheaded, filled, or improved in any manner.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the offer from the Town of Palm Beach for the submerged land in Lake Worth be declined; further that the Trustees accept not less than $500 for the parcel.

Request was presented from Charles Fozzard, Jacksonville, Florida, for renewal of Sand and Gravel lease covering territory known as Black Creek, Clay County, with an offer of Seven and one-half cents per ton, expiration date of present lease being June 10, 1941.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the Trustees authorized renewal of Sand and Gravel lease for a period of 1 year from June 10, 1941, in favor of Mr. Fozzard.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to decline offer of $50 from James W. Parrish, Pine Castle, Florida, for approximately 15 acres of reclaimed land lying West of

Government Lot 3, Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, formerly covered by the waters of Lake Conway.

Offer of $25 was made by W. O. Denison, City Attorney, on behalf of the City of Fort Pierce, for approximately 7 acres comprising the City Yacht Basin, said area having been bulkheaded and filled several years ago.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of the City of Ft. Pierce be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from E. S. Boyd, Sarasota, Florida, offering $100 an acre for sovereignty land lying adjacent to his property in Block 51, Revised Siesta Sub-division, Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, 1.00 acre, more or less in Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept the offer of $100 an acre from Mr. Boyd for the submerged land adjacent to his property in Sarasota County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Offer of $1 an acre was presented from Lonnie A. Hough of Fort Myers, Florida, for Sections 19, 20, 30, 31 and 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, applicant agreeing to assume all outstanding Everglades Drainage District taxes on the land.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land was under lease at this time.

The Trustees deferred action on application of Mr. Hough, pending a meeting at which all members can be present.

Application was presented from Lyle D. Holcomb, representing Benjamin Russell, offering $100 an acre for 12.25 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property of Mr. Russell in Sections 28 and 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer action on application from Mr. Holcomb until a meeting at which the full membership of the board can be present.

Offer of $3000 was submitted from Owen L. Godwin, Sebring, Florida, for 285.24 acres of land in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County.

Information was given that appraisal of the Field Agent valued the land considerably higher than the offer of Mr. Godwin.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $3000 from Mr. Godwin for the land in Highlands County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Mr. Bayless reported that the United States Government had requested permission to use a tract of State land in Pinellas County described as:

> An area of reclaimed land lying adjacent to the Westerly Government Meander of Government Lot 2, Section 15, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, south of Curlew Creek, and the N½ of Government Lot 1, Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, lying north of Cedar Creek, commonly known as ''Skyport'' or Dunedin Airport.

Information was that the Government desired to use the land for training with amphibian and alligator tractors.

Upon motion of Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the Trustees agreed to issue permit in favor of the United States for using the parcel of land known as Dunedin Airport, and the Land Clerk was directed to prepare the necessary instrument for execution.

Application was presented from Newport Trading Company for lease to remove logs from the St. Marks River, at a point extending from the town of St. Marks to the Basin, with an offer of $4 per thousand for all logs taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease be issued in favor of Newport Trading Company for removing logs from the St. Marks River as requested, upon payment of $4 per thousand for all logs taken. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered prepared for execution.

The following bills amounting to $141.05 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

R. J. Duff, Tampa, Florida	$ 9.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Florida	27.40
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Florida	104.65
	$141.05

Financial Statement for the month of April is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1941
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RECEIPTS

Various Land Sales	$ 1,926.11	
Lake Bottom	34.65	
Grazing Leases	307.36	
Sand Permits	150.00	
Farm Leases	3,111.71	
Shell	207.02	
Campsites	112.50	
Mineral Leases	49.50	
Federal Farm Mortgage Coupons	10.50	
Cedar Stumps	3.75	
Total receipts during month	$ 5,913.10	
Balance on hand April 1, 1941	173,474.59	
	$179,387.69	
Less disbursements	7,480.63	
Balance April 30, 1941		$171,907.06

BALANCE IN BANKS APRIL 30, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$139,556.58	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	14,529.17	
Total amount in banks		$171,907.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
April 9,	11919	Florida State Planning Board	$ 5,000.00
17,	11920	Vero Beach Press Journal	11.25
	11921	Titusville Star Advocate	10.00
	11922	Corporation Service Company	6.00

	11923	Postmaster, Tallahassee, Florida	5.00
	11924	F. E. Bayless	38.60
	11925	S. S. Savage	448.15
	11926	J. V. B. Granger	18.55
	11927	South Florida Conservancy District	18.88
29,	11928	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	11929	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11930	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11931	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11932	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11933	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	11934	Millard B. Conklin	45.05
	11935	M. Lewis Hall	500.00
	11936	S. S. Savage	104.15
		Total disbursements for April 1941	$ 7,480.63

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1941
CHAPTER 18296

Balance April 1, 1941	$697,514.00	
Receipts—Land sales	22,272.43	
	$719,786.43	
Less disbursements	4,220.22	
Balance April 30, 1941		$715,566.21

BALANCE IN BANKS APRIL 30, 1941

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	$ 5,197.49	
Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	710,368.72	
Total amount in banks		$715,566.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
April 16,	1573	Southeastern Telephone Company	$ 10.75
	1574	Western Union Telegraph Company	13.01

	1575	Postal Telegraph-Cable Company	2.28
	1576	Burroughs Adding Machine Company	37.50
	1577	Capital Office Supply Co.	4.15
	1578	Lawrence A. Truett	22.40
24,	1579	Manuel Gonzalez	301.50
	1580	Charles H. Pent, Clerk of Circuit Court	17.00
	1581	Charles H. Pent, Clerk of Circuit Court	2,444.85
	1582	A. E. Stivender	12.50
	1583	I. Walter Hawkins	8.00
	1584	Cancelled	
29,	1585	George F. Sampson	200.00
	1586	Ernest Hewett	200.00
	1587	Helen Phillips	125.00
	1588	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	1589	R. F. Vason	100.00
	1590	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1591	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1592	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1593	Robert Hensley	85.00
	1594	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	1595	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield Ray	46.67
	1596	Millard B. Conklin	48.00
	1597	William Logan Hill	2.00
	1598	R. B. Marsh	2.00
	1599	J. Alex Arnette	1.75
	1600	Christie Hall Business Machines	177.11
	1601	Capital Office Supply Company, Inc.	1.25
	1602	James H. Ellis Company	35.70
	1603	The H. & W. B. Drew Company	6.80
	1604	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
		Total disbursements for April, 1941	$4,220.22

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Application was presented from J. M. Durden of Palatka, for release of State Road reservation in Putnam County Deed No. 159 executed in favor of R. C. Middleton, dated November 15, 1940.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department had furnished information that the parcel contained in request from Mr. Durden was not necessary for highway purposes and approved release of the reservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson that Quit Claim Deed No. 159—Putnam County be executed in favor of J. M. Durden, present title holder of the land, releasing that portion of the State Road right of way reservation as approved by the Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted and execution of the deed was authorized.

Request was submitted from Peter R. Perry for relinquishment of State Road Right of Way reservation in Clay County Deed No. 34 executed in favor of H. V. Knight and dated December 5, 1940.

The State Road Department having approved the release of the reservation in Clay County Deed No. 34, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees release the reservation as requested and authorize execution of Quit Claim Deed No. 34, Clay County, in favor of Peter R. Perry, the present title holder of the land. The motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department requesting right of ways for roads in Escambia and St. Johns Counties over lands under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Mr. Larson moved that the Trustees grant easements requested by the State Road Department for use in connection with the following State Roads:

Escambia County—Road No. 341—Project 5541—
SRD. No. 31
St. Johns County—Road No. 47—Project 813—
SRD. No. 13 Revised.

Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. Authority was given for execution of the Easements and delivery to the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot presented application from the City of Arcadia that the Trustees allow a base bid of $2000, recently acted on, to also cover a tract of land on which is located the Municipal Golf Course containing 53 acres, and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court be authorized to advertise both parcels in one Notice.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline request from the City of Arcadia for inclusion of the Golf Course property in former bid of $2000. Motion adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	5/8/41	1
Bay	4/14/41	3
Bradford	4/4/41	3
Bradford	4/18/41	14
Bradford	5/2/41	3
Brevard	3/31/41	13
Brevard	4/14/41	15
Citrus	3/28/41	20
Columbia	4/28/41	40
Dade	4/4/41	50
Dade	4/9/41	46
Dade	4/11/41	52
Dixie	4/7/41	4
Franklin	3/29/41	6
Hamilton	4/28/41	5
Hernando	3/21/41	10
Hernando	3/28/41	6
Hernando	4/11/41	14
Hernando	4/18/41	9
Hillsborough	3/31/41	121
Hillsborough	4/14/41	101
Hillsborough	4/28/41	110
Holmes	1/31/41	5
Indian River	2/10/41	1
Indian River	3/31/41	20
Indian River	4/28/41	15
Jackson	4/28/41	7
Jefferson	4/28/41	15
Lafayette	4/30/41	1
Lafayette	4/30/41	1
Lake	3/24/41	61

Lake	4/14/41	34
Lake	4/28/41	27
Lee	4/14/41	19
Lee	4/28/41	15
Leon	4/28/41	53
Manatee	4/7/41	43
Manatee	5/5/41	36
Marion	4/14/41	126
Marion	4/28/41	34
Martin	4/25/41	5
Nassau	4/28/41	6
Orange	4/28/41	22
Osceola	4/14/41	19
Osceola	4/26/41	17
Palm Beach	3/28/41	730
Pasco	4/1/41	27
Pasco	4/29/41	18
Pinellas	3/18/41	47
Pinellas	4/1/41	74
Pinellas	4/15/41	63
Pinellas	4/29/41	37
Seminole	4/10/41	1
Seminole	4/28/41	40
Sumter	3/31/41	26
Sumter	4/14/41	7
Sumter	4/28/41	8
Suwannee	3/31/41	13
Suwannee	4/28/41	6
Taylor	3/19/41	10
Taylor	4/16/41	3
Taylor	4/30/41	11
Volusia	2/3/41	91
Volusia	4/7/41	155
Walton	4/11/41	4
Walton	4/25/41	7
Washington	12/27/40	5

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject, however, to protest to any bid filed under the protest rule.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Bay	107 through 112 inc.
Bradford	46 to 55 inc.
Broward	1042
Columbia	136 to 168
DeSoto	64 to 71 inc.
Gulf	26 to 28 inc.
Hernando	9 through 13 inc.
Highlands	88
Hillsborough	300-COR. & 564
Holmes	25
Indian River	176 through 187 inc.
Jackson	88 through 94 inc.
Jefferson	16
Lake	258 to 285 inc.
Lee	160
Leon	59 to 67 inc.
Martin	140 to 147 inc.
Monroe	284 to 305 inc.
Okeechobee	20
Osceola	153 to 159 inc. 160 to 166 inc.
Pasco	325 to 349 inc.
Pinellas	1088-COR.
Putnam	288
Santa Rosa	49
Seminole	141 to 162 inc.
St. Lucie	218 through 231 inc.
Sumter	189-COR. 204 to 228 inc.
Volusia	467 through 489 inc. 491 through 511 inc.
Wakulla	38
Walton	29 to 39 inc.

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

At the request of the Attorney General the Secretary presented letter from Stephen W. Moore of Miami, with reference to purchase of land under Chapter 18296, which land is located within the boundaries of the proposed Everglades National Park.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, action was deferred on the matter submitted by Mr. Moore.

The following bills amounting to $86.11 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 5.90
Western Union, Tallahassee, Fla.	9.16
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.45
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	.25
Corporation Service Co., of Fla., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.85

REFUNDS

Henry McClusky, Volusia County, DeLand, Florida	$50.00
A. F. Carson, Highlands County, Sebring, Florida	17.50
	$86.11

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 21, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

Jim Quinn of the Treasurer's Office.
Millard B. Conklin of Attorney General's Office.
F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Governor advised that he had just signed House Bill No. 296 passed by the 1941 Session of the Legislature and that the same is now a law. The said bill provides for transfer of funds under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, to the General Revenue Fund.

Comptroller Lee submitted the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 296 has been passed by the Legislature of the Session of 1941 and said Bill has been signed by the Governor and by its terms thereupon became a law; and

WHEREAS, Said law in Section 1 provides as follows:

> "That the proceeds derived from sales of lands by the State of Florida, through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund pursuant to Section 9 of the Murphy Act, being Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937, amounting to $709,794.14 as of April 5, 1941, together with such further proceeds from such sales, shall, after all costs of such sales are defrayed, be immediately transferred from the fund in which the same are now or may hereafter be deposited in the State Treasury to the General Revenue Fund of the State to be used in meeting the general expenses of the State."

and

WHEREAS, The said Law in Section 2 provides as follows:

> "All officials of the State having charge of the proceeds of such sales are hereby required to make such funds available to the General Revenue Funds as hereinbefore provided."

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that in pursuance of the Act aforesaid a check in the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ($700,000.00) is hereby ordered drawn by the State Treasurer payable to the General Revenue Fund of the State, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That any balance remaining in funds under Chapter 18296, be retained to defray costs of sales as provided in said Act, and that said balance and any additional funds to be received from said Chapter shall be subject to such further order as the Trustees may make for carrying out the provisions of said Act.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The following bill amounting to $700,000.00 was approved and he Treasurer was requested to issue check in payment thereof:

General Revenue Fund, Tallahassee, Florida	$700,000.00

> In pursuance of the provisions of House Bill No. 296, 1941 Legislature, making available proceeds derived from sales of lands by the State, pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

The following bill amounting to $5000.00 was approved and check ordered drawn in payment therefor:

Florida State Planning Board, Everglades Soil Conservation Account	$5,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 28, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Application was presented from the City of Sarasota for the purchase of Lot 11, Block A, Grove Heights, Sarasota County, which land came to the Trustees by virtue of foreclosure of State and County tax certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Information was that the City has a tax lien on the Lot of approximately $100. The Decree plus 10 per cent to the Trustees amounts to $57.62.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sale of Lot 11, Block A, Grove Heights, to the City of Sarasota upon payment of $57.62. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Offer of $215 was submitted from E. S. Boyd, Sarasota, Florida, for the following described land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

Lots 13, 14, 43 and 44, Block 50, Revised Siesta	$ 60.00
Lots 26 and 27, Block 51, Revised Siesta	155.00
	$215.00

Mr. Elliot reported that the offer was in excess of amount of Decree plus the usual 10 per cent charged by the Trustees.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the Trustees accepted the offer of $215 for the six lots applied for by Mr. Boyd. Deed was ordered issued in favor of E. S. Boyd.

The Secretary presented certified copy of Resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, recommending that sale be made to Ane M. Busch of the following described land which vested in the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

Lots 37, 38, 39 and 40, Block 19, Monroe Heights S/D Section 29, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

The price recommended by the Board was $52.35 representing the full amount of the State's equity, plus 10% to the Trustees, and 25 per cent as the County's part, the County being willing to take a reduction in order to get the land back on the tax roll. Included in said offer was $2.50 for release of statutory reservations included in all Trustees' deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bid of Ane M. Busch as recommended by the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County for the four lots above described, but that a charge of $5 be made for release of statutory reservations, making the total price acceptable to the Trustees $54.85. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County that upon receipt of an additional $2.50 deeds would be prepared and forwarded to Ane M. Busch.

At the meeting of the Trustees March 18, 1941, sale of Palm Beach County land was authorized to Mrs. Nannie G. Hunt of Delray Beach, Florida, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, on the following dates:

April 25th and May 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 1941.

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, April 22, 1941.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, Tuesday, May 27th, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land located in Palm Beach County, Florida:

Begin at a point on the west boundary of Section 28, of Township 47 South, Range 43 East, which said point is meander corner No. 20 of the U. S. Government Survey approved November 30, 1870. Thence from said meander corner following the Government Meander South 20° East 4 chains; Thence following the Government Meander South 25° West 0.26 Chains; Thence West 1.26 Chains to the West boundary produced of said Section 28 at a point 40 Chains South of the Northwest corner; Thence continuing West on the same projection 1.82 Chains into Section 29 of said Township 47 South, Range 43 East; Thence North 6°25′ West 4.01 Chains; Thence North 21° 50′ East, 3.20 Chains; Thence South 20° East 3.16 Chains to Meander Corner 20, the point of beginning first above described. Containing 1.76 acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Interal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.
Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Date of sale having been set for May 27th, but no meeting held on said date, disposition was postponed till May 28.

No objections being filed to sale of the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the land as described in the Notice be conveyed to Mrs. Nannie G. Hunt for and in consideration of a parcel of land conveyed by her to the State Road Department for road right of way.

Consideration was deferred on House Bill No. 1122, having reference to Assessment of South Florida Conservancy District taxes on lands of the Everglades Experiment Station.

Mr. Joe D. Kinsey, City Attorney, Sebring, Florida, appeared before the Trustees and requested lease covering Lot 1, Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, containing 33.14 acres in Highlands County, the land to be used in connection with army aviation training purposes.

Motion was made seconded and adopted that lease be drawn in favor of the City of Sebring, upon approval by the Attorney General of the terms and conditions. Term of lease to be for one year with option to renew from year to year for a period of seven years, or so long thereafter as required for the purpose stated.

Mr. Elliot reported that House Bill No. 1252 had been introduced in the Legislature May 15, 1941, authorizing the Trustees to convey to St. Lucie County certain submerged areas in St. Lucie County.

No action taken.

The following bills amounting to $1722.45 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	275.00

M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—Salary	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—Salary	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office Part time	50.00
Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Atty. Gen.	109.70
Ray E. Green, C.C.C., Pinellas County	10.30
Palm Beach Publications, West Palm Beach, Fla.	12.75
Broward Abstract Corporation, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	9.00
Glades Title Organization, Moore Haven, Fla.	18.00
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	144.70
E. R. Bennett, C.C.C., Broward County	3.00
Mrs. D. S. Weeks, C.C.C., Glades County	7.00
R. N. Miller, LaBelle, Fla.	15.00
M. N. Dunn, Atty. at Law, West Palm Beach, Fla.	118.00
Total	$1,722.45

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented bill of $118 from M. N. Dunn of West Palm Beach, Florida, covering investigation authorized by the Trustees on protested and irregular cases in Palm Beach County—sales under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that check be drawn in favor of M. N. Dunn in amount of $118 in payment for services as reported by Mr. Elliot.

Request was presented from Alfred W. Emery that the Trustees refund amount paid by him for Dade County Deed No. 544 dated December 3, 1940, on the ground that the railroad right of way takes up the entire parcel.

Upon information from the Clerk that the statement is true with reference to land conveyed in Deed No. 544 Dade County, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that amount received by the Trustees as bid from Mr. Emery on the land conveyed in Deed No. 544 being $91.00, be refunded upon receipt of original deed accompanied by quit claim from Mr. Emery. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Action was deferred on application from Robert P. McLarty of Atlanta, Georgia, for reduction in base bid on a boom time subdivision known as DeSoto Beach in Brevard County, located about 20 miles from Titusville, Florida, between the Banana River and the Atlantic Ocean. An offer of $2000 was made as a minimum bid for the entire subdivision, except parcels already purchased by former owners.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to defer action on application from the City of Palatka, offering $400 as a minimum bid on two boom time subdivisions.

Motion was made seconded and adopted to hold for future consideration request from Manuel Gonzalez with reference to sale of Hillsborough County land to Mr. Bevis—said land having been applied for by Gonzalez and sale protested by Mr. Bevis. See Minutes of April 15, 1941.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements desired in connection with State Roads in Bradford, Lee and St. Johns Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant easements to the State Road Department for the following roads:

Bradford County—Hampton to Camp Blanding —Project 5551, SRD. 61.

Lee County—Road No. 2—Project 5324 (632)—SRD. 22.

St. Johns County—Road No. 47—Project 814—SRD. 73—Revised.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easements were ordered executed.

Upon request from George P. Leaird, on behalf of the City of Hollywood, the Trustees authorized acceptance of application for sale of certain lots in Hollywood desired as an airport site, with a minimum of five days between advertisement and sale. In all other respects sale to be conducted according to rules and regulations of the Trustees. It was explained that the airport was required in connection with the National Defense program and the time element was very important.

The Secretary was requested to notify the Clerk of the action taken authorizing five day advertising limit.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Alachua	245 to 288 inc.
Baker	25 and 31 and 32
Bay	113, 114, 115
Bradford	56, 57 and 58
Brevard	247 through 266 inc. 267 through 281 inc.
Broward	314-Cor., & 1071
Charlotte	45 to 50 inc.
Citrus	80 to 95 inc. 96 to 105 inc.
Columbia	169 to 174 inc.
Dade	794
Dade	1114
DeSoto	72 to 75 inc.
Dixie	21 to 25 inc.
Duval	617-COR. 468, 882, 873, 884
Gadsden	102 to 113 inc.
Hamilton	43 to 47 inc.
Hernando	14 to 26 inc.
Hendry	6 to 11 inc.
Highlands	93
Hillsborough	732-COR., 827-COR.
Holmes	26 to 29 inc.
Indian River	188 to 202 inc.
Lafayette	11, 12 and 13
Leon	68 to 94 inc.
Madison	3-COR.
Manatee	208-COR., 221 to 247 inc.
Marion	136 to 160 inc. 161 to 194 inc.
Martin	148 to 153 inc.
Nassau	86 to 89 inc.
Okaloosa	3
Orange	559, 595 to 663 inc.
Osceola	167 to 175 inc.
Palm Beach	352-COR.
Pasco	350 to 366 inc.
Pinellas	1097 to 1131 inc.
Putnam	66
Seminole	163 to 189 inc.

Sumter	229 to 232 inc.
Taylor	56, 57 and 58, 59 to 72 inc.
Wakulla	39 to 42 inc. 43, 44 and 45
Walton	40 to 46 inc.
Washington	41 to 45 inc.
Jefferson	27 to 39 inc.

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	4/30/41	56
Bay	4/28/41	21
Calhoun	12/30/40	13
Calhoun	2/10/41	7
Charlotte	5/5/41	14
Citrus	4/25/41	11
Dade	4/16/41	47
Dade	4/23/41	24
Dade	4/23/41	26
Dade	4/25/41	34
DeSoto	5/10/41	5
Gadsden	5/16/41	13
Hamilton	5/19/41	6
Hendry	3/29/41	7
Lafayette	5/12/41	1
Lee	4/15/41	156
Monroe	5/5/41	176
Palm Beach	4/25/41	194
Polk	3/27/41	123
Volusia	5/16/41	102
Wakulla	5/2/41	4
Wakulla	5/10/41	3
Washington	5/2/41	15
Sarasota	5/5/41	59

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each county, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject, however, to any protested bid filed under protest rule.

The following bills amounting to $1,129.15 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk, Salary for May	$ 200.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper, Salary for May	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Stenographer	100.00
R. F. Vason, Clerk	100.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield Ray, Verifier	100.00
Elliot W. Butts, C.C.C., Duval County, Jacksonville	7.50
Guyte P. McCord, Clerk Supreme Court, Tallahassee	12.00
Capital Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	14.65
	$1,129.15

The following refund checks were issued during May 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

E. B. Leatherman Clerk Circuit Court Dade County Miami, Florida	$ 29.00
Carlyle Ausley Clerk Circuit Court Marion County Ocala, Florida	2.00
J. R. Pomeroy Clerk Circuit Court Martin County Stuart, Florida	30.00
W. A. Williams, Jr. Clerk Circuit Court Putnam County Palatka, Florida	6.00

E. H. Scott Clerk Circuit Court Charlotte County Punta Gorda, Florida	2.50
County Properties, Inc. c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	467.50
J. Alex Arnette Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	82.50
John D. Kennedy c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	380.00
Marguerite Cohen & Dorothy Pepper c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	128.50
Chas. C. Heisen c/o I. Walter Hawkins, C.C.C. Volusia County DeLand, Florida	80.00
	$1,138.50

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 3, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. George P. Leaird and Mr. A. H. Hall appeared before the Trustees in reference to acquisition of certain land near the City of Hollywood, to be used as a municipal airport by that City. The title to the land in question is in the State under Chapter 18296. Mr. Leaird explained that the City was desirous of procuring the land at the lowest possible expense and requested that the Trustees lower the regular base bid and also waive the requirement of furnishing former owner, or person last paying taxes, with notice of proposed sale in order that the time limit of five days, authorized by the Trustees last week, would result in a real saving of time; also requested the Trustees to do anything else that would enable the City of Hollywood to acquire the land at the least possible expense.

Mr. Hall explained the need of the City of Hollywood for an airport and its relation to other airports nearby. He stated that the land was all unimproved, ordinary high pine with no buildings whatsoever and that taxes on most of it were delinquent since 1927. The total area comprises 65 to 70 acres.

Mr. Mayo suggested that the regular base bid under the 1932 one-fourth assessed value rule, amounting to approximately $2,350.00 be waived and that the base bid be fixed at $1,500.00 for the parcels described in the list of lands for which application to purchase is made for the above purpose, and moved that the same be done.

Motion of Mr. Mayo was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote being taken those in favor were: Mr. Mayo, Mr. Larson and Mr. Watson. Mr. Lee voted No. The motion was carried.

In all other respects the advertising and sale is to be conducted in the regular manner.

Minutes of the Trustees dated May 6th, 13th, 21st and 28th, presented, and upon motion seconded and adopted were approved.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 13, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Ben Atwood of Lakeland, Florida, on behalf of Francis Ahern and Joseph L. Plummer, submitted offer of $100 for lease or permit covering exclusive right and privilege to search and take sunken and abandoned vessels and such property as they may find, together with the right to dredge within the area leased. The area applied for is described as Summerlin Cut-Off and Econfina Cut-Off in Sections 7 and 8, Township 2 South, Range 13 West, Bay County. Mr. Atwood also stated that $50,000 had been placed in escrow in a New York bank (to be transferred to a Miami Bank) for making explorations in connection with the sunken vessels.

Discussion was had as to terms and conditions of the proposed lease, and upon suggestions from the various members, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to a one year lease on the area applied for, with privilege of renewal, on the basis of the Trustees receiving ten per cent (10%) of any and all articles or objects of historical value recovered or taken under this lease, and an amount equal to ten per cent (10%) of the monetary or intrinsic value of all other articles found by such operations. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Comptroller Lee voting No.

The drafting of the lease was referred to the Attorney General, with execution authorized upon his approval of terms and conditions.

Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, representing Elmer Whittle of Sarasota, submitted an offer of $25 an acre for approximately twenty-one (21) acres of bay bottom land in Sarasota Bay, Sarasota County, adjacent to upland of Mr. Whittle. Information was furnished that the land applied for, located in Lot 1, Section 24, Township 36

South, Range 17 East, was platted years ago into a subdivision known as CENTRAL BROADWAY, although title had never left the State; that State, County and City taxes had been assessed, delinquent tax liens foreclosed and tax deeds purchased by Mr. Whittle; that approximately three (3) acres of the area had been filled some fifteen years back, and applicant desires to purchase from the State the entire tract.

Upon motion seconded and adopted the Trustees declined to accept offer of $25 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Whittle, however, upon suggestion of Mr. Mayo, agreed to by Messrs. Lee and Watson, Mr. Keen was advised to take up the matter with his client and suggest that he raise his bid to not less than $50 an acre. The Trustees agreed to accept that amount for the entire tract of approximately 21 acres.

The following bill amounting to $5,000.00 was approved and check ordered drawn in payment therefor:

Florida State Planning Board, Everglades Soil Conservation Account	$5,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1941

CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS

Various land sales	$ 3,999.99	
Lake Bottom	353.70	
Grazing Leases	253.88	
Sand Permits	90.49	
General Lease	120.00	
Farm Lease	8,864.59	
Shell	1,297.20	
Timber Lease	6.91	
Mineral Lease	74.60	
Wood	4.50	
Campsites	37.50	
Oil Lease	519.00	
Refund on Advertising	10.50	
Total Receipts during month	$ 15,632.86	
Balance on hand May 1, 1941	171,907.06	
	$187,539.92	
Less Disbursements	6,863.50	
Balance May 31, 1941		$180,676.42

BALANCE IN BANKS MAY 31, 1941

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	$ 14,992.86	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	147,862.25	
Total amount in banks		$180,676.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
May 19,	11943	W. B. Granger	$ 27.40
	11944	S. S. Savage	104.65
	11942	R. J. Duff	9.00
	11941	Fla. State Planning Board	5,000.00
28,	11945	F. C. Elliott	400.00
	11946	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11947	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11948	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11949	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11950	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	11951	Millard Conklin	109.70
	11952	R. E. Green	10.30
	11953	Palm Beach Publishers	12.75
	11954	Broward Abstract Corporation	9.00
	11955	Glade Title Organization	18.00
	11956	S. S. Savage	144.70
	11957	E. R. Bennett	3.00
	11958	Mrs. D. S. Weeks	7.00
	11959	R. M. Miller	15.00
	11960	M. N. Dunn	118.00
		Total disbursements for May 1941	$6,863.50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OF MAY, 1941

CHAPTER 18296

Balance May 1, 1941	$715,566.21	
Receipts—Land Sales	23,135.01	
	$738,701.22	
Less disbursements	702,423.26	
Balance May 31, 1941		$ 36,277.96

BALANCE IN BANKS MAY 31, 1941

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	5,197.49
Atlantic National Bank, Jackson-Florida	31,080.47
Total amount in banks	$36,277.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
May 19,	1605	Southeastern Telephone Company	$ 5.90
	1606	Western Union Telegraph Company	9.16
	1607	Postal Telegraph-Cable Company	.45
	1608	H. & W. B. Drew Company	.25
	1609	Corporation Service Co. of Florida	2.85
	1610	Henry McClusky	50.00
	1611	A. F. Carson	17.50
	1612	E. B. Leatherman	29.00
	1613	Carlyle Ausley	2.00
	1614	J. R. Pomeroy	30.00
	1615	W. A. Williams	6.00
	1616	E. H. Scott	2.50
	1617	Cancelled	
	1618	Cancelled	
	1619	Cancelled	
	1620	Cancelled	
	1621	Cancelled	
22,	301	General Revenue Fund	700,000.00
29,	1636	George F. Sampson	200.00
	1637	Ernest Hewett	200.00
	1638	Helen Phillips	125.00
	1639	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	1640	R. F. Cason (Vason)	100.00
	1622	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1623	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1624	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1625	Robert Hensley	85.00
	1626	Mary Lila Ward (Willard)	85.00
	1627	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield Ray	100.00
	1628	Elliott W. Butts	7.50
	1629	Guyte P. McCord	12.00

1630	Capital Office Supply Company	14.65
1631	Counties Properties, Inc.	467.50
1632	J. Alex Arnette	82.50
1633	John D. Kennedy	380.00
1634	Margurete Cohen & Dorothy Pepper	128.50
1635	Charles C. Heisen	80.00
	Total disbursements for January, 1941	$702,423.26

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded and adopted, that the salary of Mr. George Sampson be raised from $200 to $250 per month, effective June 1, 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, and adopted, that effective June 1, 1941, the salary of R. F. Vason be increased from $100 to $125 per month.

The above salaries to be paid from funds under Chapter 18296, as heretofore.

Comptroller Lee made a motion that hereafter no changes be made in the office personnel of any department under the board, or in the salaries of employees, except when the board is in session at regularly held meetings. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 23, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Upon discussion of Chapter 20658 (Senate Bill 835), having reference to issuance of refunding bonds for Everglades Drainage District, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 835, relating to the Everglades Drainage District, was passed by the Legislature of the State of Florida, 1941 Session, and has become a law; and

WHEREAS, Section 17 thereof provides as follows, to-wit:

> "All Everglades Drainage District special assessments and taxes whether or not evidenced by tax sale certificates, heretofore levied, assessed or entered with respect to lands now owned in fee simple by the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall become cancelled and annulled upon the release, cancellation and surrender by such Trustees to the Board of Commissioners of all claims and demands, including Certificates of Indebtedness issued by said District pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 14717, held by said Trustees against the District. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the lands owned or claimed to be owned by the Trustees pursuant to the provisions of Everglades Drainage District laws enacted prior to the year 1931, or to the provisions of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937."

and

WHEREAS, said provisions of said Act were passed with the full and complete knowledge and approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida do hereby express their willingness and intention to fully and completely abide by the terms of said Section 17, and to execute such releases and other documents, as may be necessary to effectuate the terms and provisions thereof.

The resolution was adopted and certified copy ordered sent to Everglades Drainage District.

Governor Holland requested that Mr. Elliot submit a picture of the tax situation of Everglades Drainage District as soon as the necessary information could be secured.

Mr. Larson was unable to be present for the remainder of the meeting.

Letter was presented from the Attorney General with reference to fee to be paid J. M. and H. P. Sapp, Attorneys of Panama City, Florida, in connection with claim of the Trustees against Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway Company for certain filled in and submerged lands situated in Panama City, Bay County, Florida. A fee of ten per cent of amount collected was recommended by Mr. Watson, which would be in addition to retainer of $250 paid from salary budget of the Attorney General's office.

Discussion was had on the subject of employing outside counsel to assist the Attorney General's office in legal matters of the Internal Improvement Fund where it was deemed necessary. Governor Holland stated that it was his recollection that the case in question was one of three which the Trustees acted on several weeks ago upon request from the Attorney General that his employment of three attorneys be approved. The Minutes were called for to verify action taken. Mr. Elliot and the minute clerk stated that they had no minute on the subject and had no recollection of being present when this matter was discussed. Whereupon the Governor stated that to have a clear record on these cases he would dictate the minute as he remembered it as follows:

''The Attorney General made written request that the employment of Messrs. J. M. and H. P. Sapp of Panama City, Florida, as special attorneys to assist the Attorney General in the case of Atlanta & St. Andrews Bay Railway Company, be confirmed; that the Attorney General reminded the board that at a former meeting the board had agreed to this Firm as special counsel in this particular case only with the understanding that the retainer fee was to be paid out of the budget of the Attorney General; that the Attorney General now recommends that employment of said special attorneys, other than retainer paid, or to be paid, out of the budget of the Attorney General, be upon a purely contingent basis at the rate of ten per cent (10%) of all amounts recovered for the Trustees by said special counsel."

The other members agreed that the above was the action taken by the Trustees.

The Governor asked if the recommendation now was that the contingent fee be fixed at Ten Per Cent (10%) for these special attorneys. The Attorney General moved that the fee of Messrs. Sapp and Sapp, special counsel, be approved on a basis of ten per cent (10%) of all amounts collected by by them for the Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General asked that the same contingent fee be approved as to the employment of E. Harris Drew, and associates, West Palm Beach, in the case of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company and of Mickler and Mickler, St. Augustine, in the case of Wilson Cypress Company, with retainer to be paid from the budget of the Attorney General. Mr. Watson moved that such action be taken. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee that the contingent fee of E. Harris Drew and of Mickler and Mickler, be approved on a basis of ten per cent of all collections made for the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted. It was so ordered that the fee of the following attorneys:

Messrs. J. M. and H. P. Sapp, Panama City, Florida
Mr. E. Harris Drew & associates, West Palm Beach
Florida

Messrs. Mickler and Mickler, St. Augustine, Florida
be ten per cent (10%) of all amounts collected on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the retainer fee of $250 to each firm to be paid by and from the budget of the Attorney General.

Mr. Lee moved that in order to have no further misunderstanding with reference to employment of special counsel to assist in legal matters for the Trustees, that in future when it becomes necessary to employ outside counsel the matter be presented to the Trustees for action before actual employment has been made. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. A. A. Poston of West Palm Beach, on behalf of the town of Lake Park, and Mr. V. R. Strain, representing the town of Riveria, came before the Trustees with reference to conveyance of lake bottoms in front of each of the towns, as authorized by the 1941 legislature House Bill 1864 and House Bill 1857.

It was ascertained that copies of the two bills were not available at this time and action on the requests of Messrs. Poston and Strain was deferred until the Trustees have had opportunity to study the requirements of the laws.

The following bills amounting to $1851.40 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	$ 69.10
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	248.80
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	29.15
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General	4.00
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency, Tallahassee	70.00
J. M. Lee, Comptroller	101.25
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville	8.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	12.95
Millard B. Conklin, Asst. Atty. General	32.65
F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary—Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Salary	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—Salary	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—Salary	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office Part Time	50.00
Total	$1,851.40

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot reported that following action of the Trustees April 1, 1941, at which meeting certain changes were made in the rules and regulations governing sales of Murphy Act land, the main one being inclusion of a clause in the deeds with reference to municipal and drainage district liens, numerous objections had been made to this clause, involving title insurance, abstract and loans, and that in some counties sales had dropped off considerably; that these objections had been taken up with the Attorney General with the result that he had recommended the elimination of said clause from the deeds.

Motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the lien clause with reference to municipal and drainage district liens be eliminated from all future deeds. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary was directed to notify all Clerks of the Circuit Courts to discontinue writing into deeds the clause applying to municipal and drainage district liens.

The Attorney General also recommended that the Clerks of the Circuit Courts be requested to comply with the following when transmitting bidding reports:

1. State Report number and date of sale; attach proof of publication.
2. State that he recommends acceptance of all bids included in report, except .... (give exceptions with reason therefor).
3. Certify that 1932 valuations shown on Bidding Report are true and correct according to assessments made by Tax Assessor.
4. Bidding Report has been re-checked to determine if any certificates come under Chapter 16252 or 17400 —Futch Acts.
5. Certify that all parcels in report come under Chapter 18296 (Murphy Act).
6. State that notice of sale sent registered mail to former owner and enter result of such mailing in "Remarks" column.

Motion was made by the Attorney General that the above recommendations be adopted by the board. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote carried.

The Secretary was requested to notify the Clerks of the action taken.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Alachua	42
Baker	1
Bay	116 to 126 inc.
Calhoun	1 to 17 inc.
Clay	76
Duval	466, 733, 885 886 and 887
Flagler	6
Gadsden	114 to 126 inc.
Hamilton	48 to 52 inc.
Franklin	19 to 29 inc.
Hernando	27
Hendry	3
Hillsborough	796-COR., 882 to 1083 inc.
Indian River	179-COR., 203 to 209 inc.
Lafayette	14
Leon	95 to 101 inc.
Manatee	248 to 264 inc.
Monroe	306 to 330 inc.
Nassau	90 to 92 inc.
Osceola	176 to 179 inc.
Palm Beach	188, 191, 774, 824, 828 to 955 inc.
Pasco	175
Pinellas	225, 1132 to 1254 inc.
Polk	537, 538, 540 to 613 inc.
Putnam	153, 294 to 378 inc.
Sarasota	162 to 195 inc.
Taylor	73 to 78 inc.
Volusia	512 to 569 inc., 571 to 651 inc.
Seminole	153

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Comptroller Lee requested that the board defer action on sale of certain lots in Lynwood Park S/D, Hillsborough County, which formerly belonged to his secretary, Mrs. Josephine Giddens, but applied for by another party as former owner; that during the session of the legislature he was unable to let Mrs. Giddens off to make a trip to Hillsborough County and look after this matter, and he would appreciate it if the Trustees would hold up these deeds until she had time to look into the matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted that sale of lots in Lynwood Park S/D, Hillsborough County, June 23, formerly owned by Mrs. Giddens be held up for a period of 60 days.

Mr. Elliot reported that list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	5/9/41	40
Brevard	4/28/41	17
Broward	5/19/41	129
Clay	5/19/41	8
Columbia	5/19/41	7
DeSoto	5/24/41	4
Dixie	5/26/41	6
Duval	5/27/41	89
Escambia	5/9/41	6
Flagler	6/2/41	3
Franklin	4/26/41	5
Gulf	6/2/41	2
Hamilton	6/9/41	3
Hardee	6/2/41	46
Hernando	5/9/41	5
Hernando	5/12/41	9
Hernando	5/19/41	17
Hernando	5/31/41	4
Hernando	6/9/41	4
Hillsborough	5/12/41	66
Holmes	5/16/41	2
Indian River	6/2/41	8
Jackson	6/9/41	15
Lafayette	5/22/41	1
Lafayette	5/29/41	1
Lafayette	5/29/41	1
Lafayette	6/6/41	1
Lake	5/26/41	45
Lee	5/20/41	5
Leon	6/9/41	7
Levy	5/10/41	13
Manatee	6/2/41	22
Marion	6/2/41	18
Monroe	6/9/41	68

Nassau	5/26/41	3
Okeechobee	5/31/41	1
Orange	5/19/41	16
Osceola	5/19/41	9
Pasco	5/27/41	15
Pinellas	5/20/41	86
Polk	4/30/41	101
Putnam	5/3/41	77
Putnam	6/7/41	74
Sarasota	6/9/41	38
Seminole	6/10/41	46
Sumter	5/26/41	10
St. Lucie	6/2/41	9
Taylor	5/23/41	3
Taylor	6/9/41	3
Wakulla	6/5/41	3
Walton	5/23/41	2

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject to any protested bid filed under protest rule.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had on hand under Chapter 18296 a sufficient amount to allow $70,000.00 transferred to General Revenue as authorized by Chapter 20368, Acts of 1941 Legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund issue check to General Revenue Fund in the amount of $70,000.00 drawn upon funds to the credit of the Trustees under Chapter 18296.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and check was ordered drawn in favor of General Revenue for $70,000.00.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for Right of Way easements necessary in several counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that easements for right of ways in connection with the following State roads be executed and delivered to the State Road Department:

Alachua County—Road No. 31—Project 861 (5243)
Bradford County—Road No. 121—Project 5502
Clay County—Road No. 13—Project 5463 (607B)
DeSoto County—Road No. 2—Project 616-Ext

Escambia County—Road No. 341—Project 5532
Hillsborough County—Road No. 545—Project 5367
Jefferson County—Road No. 96—Project 820
Lake County—Road No. 8-A—Project FAGM 275-B (4120)
Palm Beach County—Road No. 199—Project 1099 (5268)
Polk County—Road No. 8—Project 605 (5209)
Volusia County—Road No. 21—Project 1077
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Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements as listed were ordered executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

Mr. B. K. Roberts, Attorney of Tallahassee, accompanied by Mr. Millard Conklin, Assistant Attorney General, came before the Trustees in connection with a parcel in Wakulla County which had vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Section 9.

Mr. Roberts stated his client, owning lands in Wakulla County, had caused to be advertised and purchased lands of which he was the owner and on which taxes had been unpaid since about 1900, all prior to June 9, 1939; that in advertising such lands, it was the intent of the owner to advertise all of his lands, but inadvertently a part was omitted and has vested as to title in the State; that 6 certificates had been so omitted and the State of Florida has a technical equity in such certificates.

Mr. Roberts further stated that his client had paid out $153.40 for purchase of his property, representing approximately 40% of the assessed value; that it was his intent and instructions to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to advertise all his property, but such was not done, apparently through oversight of the Clerk. This property is included in condemnation proceedings now being brought by the United States, and at one time disclaimer was filed by the Comptroller covering the property, but it has recently been found that the State has an equity under Section 9 of Chapter 18296. Request was made that certificates be cancelled.

Mr. Watson suggested that the subject should be investigated and the facts determined before action is taken.

Mr. Conklin stated the matter was set down for a hearing on Thursday next, hence the desire to dispose of the matter prior to that time.

Governor Holland asked if the Trustees wished to take any approving action relating to the subject. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded and adopted, that, subject to the decision of the Attorney General that the State had no interest in the certificates, the Attorney General disclaim any inerest of the State therein, otherwise that he protect the State's interest.

The following bills amounting to $71,418.20 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk, Salary for June	$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper, Salary of June	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Stenographer	100.00
R. F. Vason, Clerk	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Trustees Internal Improvement Fund, Tallahassee, Fla.	118.00
D. H. Sloan, Jr., C. C. C., Polk County	4.08
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.90
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	7.72
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	75.56
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.75
The Commercial Office Supply Co., Tallahasse, Fla.	1.44
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.00
George Cochran, Tallahassee, Fla.	3.75
Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
General Revenue Fund	70,000.00
Total	$71,418.20

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 25, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Request was submitted for release of reservation for State Road Right of Way in Sarasota County Deed No. 129 in favor of Joseph H. Phillips and Gertrude I. Phillips, dated November 11, 1940. Information has been received from the State Road Department that the right of way is not desired through the property conveyed in Deed No. 129 and recommends that reservation be released as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees release reservation for State Road Right of Way in Deed No. 129, Sarasota County, executed in favor of Joseph H. Phillips and Gertrude I. Phillips. Upon vote the motion was adopted, and Quitclaim Deed was authorized executed releasing the reservation requested.

Application was presented from Colonel J. W. S. Wuest, Commanding Officer Tallahassee Air Base, requesting permit covering a tract of land in Leon County to be used for bombing practice. Information was that the United States intends submitting application to purchase these lands under Chapter 18296, but pending such application and purchase a permit is necessary to have supervision over the area.

The area applied for comprises:

125.75 acres in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 1 West
20.00 acres in Section 6, Township 1 South, Range 1 West
40.00 acres in Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 1 West

40.00 acres in Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 1 West
40.00 acres in Section 20, Township 1 South, Range 1 West
80.00 acres in Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 2 West
40.00 acres in Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 3 West

Leon County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees issue permit in favor of the United States covering the land applied for and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Leon County be notified to not accept applications for any of the above parcels, except from the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered issued.

Request was submitted from R. M. Hoyt of Jacksonville, Florida, for refund of amount bid on Blocks "C" and "F" Marshall's S/D of Orange Park, Clay County, Florida, conveyed in Deed No. 48, Clay County, representation being made that reservation for State Road right of way takes up practically the entire tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees refund amount of bid—$606.00—upon receipt of deed from Mr. Hoyt quitclaiming all interests in the land conveyed by Deed No. 48, Clay County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and refund was ordered made in favor of Mr. Hoyt.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer of $2000 from Robert P. McLarty, Atlanta, Georgia, be declined as a base bid for Brevard County land described as DeSoto Beach S/D, located about 20 miles from Titusville between the Banana River and the Atlantic Ocean. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer of Mr. McLarty was declined.

Action was deferred on application from City of Palatka for reduction of base bid on Lots in Putnam County.

Upon request from Manuel Gonzalez, Tampa, Florida, for information as to acceptance of bid of Thomas A. Dyer, on behalf of Gordon R. Bevis, the Trustees directed that Mr. Gonzalez be informed of the action taken by the Board April 15, 1941.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Brevard	5/27/41	14
Brevard	6/17/41	9
Charlotte	6/19/41	15
Citrus	5/31/41	9
Columbia	6/16/41	4
Dade	5/21/41	50
Dade	5/26/41	30
DeSoto	6/14/41	3
Gulf	6/16/41	1
Hillsborough	6/9/41	104
Hillsborough	6/10/41	69
Holmes	4/19/41	1
Holmes	5/2/41	1
Jefferson	6/9/41	8
Lake	6/9/41	21
Levy	6/7/41	2
Madison	4/21/41	2
Osceola	6/9/41	11
Sumter	6/9/41	16
Volusia	6/2/41	72
Walton	6/13/41	10

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds ordered issued to the respective purchasers, subject however, to any protested bid filed under protest rule.

The following refund checks were issued during June 1941 under authority of the Trustees, November 29, 1940:

Oscar Green c/o T. W. Brown, C.C.C. Nassau County Fernandina, Florida	$ 5.00
John Benjamin c/o T. W. Brown, C.C.C. Nassau County Fernandina, Florida	24.77
New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00

Estella Culverson c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
Mary McQuarters c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
E. J. Jones c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	15.00
J. P. Parker c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
Lelia Harris c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
Willie O'Neal c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	10.00
Lonnie Caldwell c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	5.00
Dennis O. Weaver & Alma E. Weaver c/o Ray E. Green, C.C.C. Pinellas County Clearwater, Florida	20.00
Shelton Gavin c/o Gilbert Langston, C.C.C. Wakulla County Crawfordville, Florida	10.00
Clarence W. Nelson & C. H. Nelson, Jr. c/o E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C. Dade County Miami, Florida	495.00
Henry Lang c/o Geo. E. Evans, C.C.C. Alachua County Gainesville, Florida	7.50

A. E. Cooper c/o Clyde H. Sauls, C.C.C. Jefferson County Monticello, Florida	43.63
Edwin Thomas c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	52.00
B. M. Banks c/o Chas. H. Pent, C.C.C. Hillsborough County Tampa, Florida	24.50
Frank Taylor c/o D. T. Farabee, C.C.C. Lee County Ft. Myers, Florida	224.71
Ford W. Heacock c/o J. A. Arnette, C.C.C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	69.00
TOTAL	$1,031.11

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Offer of $10 was presented from John Fite Robertson of Sarasota, Florida, for release of reservation in Deed No. 58-13 in favor of Marjorie G. Reynolds conveying Lot 10, Block "H" Bungalow Hills.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that reservations in Deed No. 58-13 Sarasota County be released in favor of Marjorie G. Reynolds upon payment of $10. Upon vote the motion was adopted and quitclaim deed ordered executed in favor of Marjorie G. Reynolds.

Offer was presented from J. B. Fraser of fifty (50) cents per ton for rock boulders to be taken from Miami Canal, south of Sugar Mill Bridge.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Fraser to take rock boulders from the Miami Canal, the location to be an area owned or controlled by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot was directed to prepare permit covering a tract of land owned by the State.

Mr. Elliot presented an offer of twenty-five cents (25c) an acre annually for five-year lease on the following described land, owned by the Trustees under Everglades Drainage tax certificate:

N½ of Tract 5—Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East
S½ of Tract 5—Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East

Tract 8—Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 41 East
Broward County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue Grazing Lease for a period of five years in favor of H. M. Forman covering the land described upon payment of twenty-five cents (25c) an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered executed.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the Trustees declined offer of $1 an acre from Ivey Prevatt for E½ of NE¼ of Section 4, Township 13 South, Range 17 East, 80 acres, and $0.75 an acre from J. C. Sales for the NW¼ of NW¼; SE¼ of NW¼; NW¼ of SE¼; NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 26, Township 13 South, Range 17 East, 160 acres, all in Levy County.

Letter was presented from the Secretary of the Board of Control of Florida, calling attention of the Trustees to House Bill 1122, Chapter 20477, passed at the 1941 session of the legislature, having reference to South Florida Conservancy District taxes on lands owned and used by the Everglades Experiment Station. Request was that Trustees place title in the State Board of Education to the tract on which the Experiment Station buildings are located.

The Land Clerk reported that he was under the impression that this land had already been conveyed to the State Board of Education.

The Trustees directed that the matter be looked into and if conveyance has already been made that the Board of Control be so notified.

The Secretary reported passage of an act at the recent session of the legislature authorizing the Trustees to convey certain St. Lucie County land to the County for park purposes. The matter was ordered held until such time as the County made application for the property.

The Attorney General submitted bill from William L. Hill in amount of $50 covering expenses incurred under authority of the Attorney General in connection with Everglades Drainage District bond refunding negotiations, and moved that the same be paid. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. The bill was ordered paid.

The Governor reported that M. Lewis Hall would very soon present his bill for negotiating the refunding of bonds of Everglades Drainage District.

The Attorney General stated that he had suggested that Mr. Hall submit his bill to the Governor, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, reviewing the work done by him and stating what had been accomplished; that upon presentation of bill he would move that such amount be approved and check issued.

No action was taken pending receipt of bill from Mr. Hall.

The Trustees recessed to meet at 4:30 P. M.

4:30 P. M.

The Trustees met at 4:30 P. M., pursuant to recessed meeting of the morning with the Governor and Attorney General absent.

Application was presented from Byron T. Sauls, St. Petersburg, Florida, offering $200 an acre for 2.55 acres of sovereignty land in Section 30, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees accept the offer of $200 an acre for the parcel applied for by Mr. Sauls, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law.

H. Fletcher Martin of the firm of Adair, Kent, Ashby & McNatt of Jacksonville, Florida, made application on behalf of client, Miami Corporation, for release of statutory reservations in Deed No. 18620 conveying 19.18 acres of sovereignty land in Dade County, sold May 13, 1941. An offer of 50c an acre was made for such release.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of fifty cents (50c) an acre from Miami Corporation for release of reservations in Deed No. 18620.

Application was presented from E. P. Scarborough, Lakeport, Florida, offering $5 an acre for Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 35, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, location of the land being approximately 25 miles North of Moore Haven.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Scarborough for the Lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and offer accepted.

Offer of $100 an acre was submitted from William T. Edwards, Jacksonville, Florida, for approximately 0.27 of an acre of sovereignty land adjacent to his property on the St. Johns River in Montgomery Place, being a subdivision in Township 2 South, Range 26 East, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $100 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Edwards, plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land was ordered advertised as required by law.

Request was submitted from C. T. Hart for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 98 embracing 1150 acres of State land in Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Glades County, with offer of 15 cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees renew Grazing Lease No. 98 for a period of one year from July 8, 1941, in favor of C. T. Hart, upon payment of fifteen cents an acre. Motion duly adopted and lease ordered renewed.

Mr. Bayless presented request from William T. Hull, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, for permit to remove marl from State owned land in Section 9, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, to be used in the construction of a road to the Seminole Indian Reservation in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees issue permit in favor of

Hendry County for taking marl from the State land described, for use in road construction to the Indian Reservation.

Application was presented from E. Harris Drew, West Palm Beach, on behalf of the town of Palm Beach, offering $500 for 14.10 acres of sovereignty land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, to be retained by the town in its natural state.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, to sell the land applied for to the town of Palm Beach at a price of $500 plus cost of advertising, stipulation to be made in the deed that the land will not be developed but remain in its present condition.

Application was presented from S. H. Rogers, Tampa, Florida, for permission to conduct a survey along the shore of Escambia Bay, Pensacola Bay and Santa Rosa Sound in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties to determine whether or not there are deposits of ''Titanium'', a mineral sand, in commercial quantities, and if so a lease would be desired with royalty payments at the rate of $1 per ton.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize one-year permit in favor of S. H. Rogers for conducting a survey of the shores indicated in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, and in the event mineral sand is found to exist in commercial quantities, lease to be issued for a period of five years with royalty payment of $1 per ton for all material mined.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the permit ordered issued.

Walter Williams, President of West Indies Importing Company, Inc., Coconut Grove, Florida, made application for five-year lease on one acre of mud flats south of Cape Florida, Dade County, with offer of $25.00 per annum, the land to be used as a site for a fishing camp.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees authorized lease for a period of one year in favor of Walter Williams, covering a mud flat south of Cape Florida comprising one acre—payment to be $25 annually.

Application was presented from James H. Bright, Hialeah, Florida, offering $200 for satisfaction of mortgage held by the Trustees from W. G. Austin in amount of $3,187.23 covering Tract 17, Section 30, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County. Statement was made that the State sold this land in 1925 at $205 an acre with cash payment of $1,062.42; that Mr. Bright has purchased several tax deeds on this property averaging $70 an acre for the land and now has an opportunity to make sale of the Tract at $70 an acre if he can secure satisfaction of the Trustees' mortgage. Information was also furnished that upon the sale of this tract, Mr. Bright will be the means of bringing into the State interests which will promote the raising of race horses.

Upon consideration of application, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize satisfaction of Mortgage No. 17296 upon payment of $200. Upon vote the motion was adopted and satisfaction of mortgage authorized.

Offer of $7.50 an acre was submitted from J. Louie Carter, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Record, Palm Beach County, for approximately 80 acres of marginal land lying outside the meander and adjacent to property owned by him in Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County—known as Sandy Oak Ridge.

Information was furnished that the land applied for is located 1½ miles southwest of Hypoluxo, principally sand with small pockets of muck and in order to be utilized water control would have to be installed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted, the offer of $7.50 an acre from Mr. Carter was accepted for the land applied for, and deed was ordered issued upon payment of the purchase price.

Offer of $100 was presented from Leo Bonner of Okeechobee, Florida, for Lots 3, 4 and 5, Section 26, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, containing 42.52 acres in Highlands County.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Bonner has occupied this land for the past 16 years and at one time filed application for homestead with the Federal Government, but that the State selected the areas as swamp land and patent was issued to the State May 8, 1939 without objection from Mr. Bonner.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the offer of $100 from Mr. Bonner be declined and that the land be offered him at a price of $10 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

The Land Clerk reported that J. S. Scogin of Lake Harbor, Florida, holder of Contract No. 18277 covering 13.14 acres of land in Palm Beach County has paid over one-half of the amount due, and is now requesting deed be issued to him on a tract one hundred feet wide on the west end of the property—approximately 2½ acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute deed to the strip requested by Mr. Scogin. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized executed.

Report was submitted in connection with exchange of properties by the Trustees with Maryland Land & Transportation Company, for the purpose of consolidating State Park areas in Sarasota County, that a portion of the area to be conveyed to the Company had been leased for a period of five years to V. F. Edwards for grazing purposes. Maryland Land and Transportation Company has indicated a willingness to consummate exchange with the lease outstanding provided such lease is assigned to them.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees carry out proposed exchange with Maryland Land and Transportation Company and assign to them the lease held by V. F. Edwards. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. J. V. Keen, of Tallahassee. representing Mr. Elmer Whittle of Sarasota, Florida, reported that his client had agreed to pay $50 an acre for certain parcels of land in Government Lot 1, Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, adjacent to a subdivision known as Central Broadway. Applicant stated that a portion of this land is occupied by Mr. Clyde Wilson and it is not the purpose of Mr. Whittle to buy adjacent to his lots unless Mr. Wilson is not interested in the purchase of these parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that Mr. Keen furnish the Trustees with correct description of the parcels desired and upon approval by the Engineer the land be advertised for objections as required by law. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $200 was presented from H. S. Baynard, on behalf of Clarence O. Moon, for the purchase of 1.21 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Government Lot 3, Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to accept the offer of $200 from Mr. Moon for the submerged land in Boca Ceiga Bay. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Palm Beach County for release of 20 acres of land in Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, to be used as a rock pit, which land is included in Contract No. 18273 to Pelican Lake Farms. Information was that the County is willing to pay amount necessary to secure deed to the twenty-acre tract—$471.60—and such arrangement is satisfactory with Pelican Lake Farms.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute deed in favor of Palm Beach County to the twenty-acre tract applied for upon payment of $471.60; said amount to be credited to Contract No. 18273. Motion was duly adopted.

Offer of $75 an acre was submitted from E. G. Wilkinson of Naples, Florida, for 9.31 acres of sovereignty land adjacent to his property in Lots 1 and 2, Section 9, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees accept offer of $75 an acre from Mr. Wilkinson plus cost of advertisement, for the sovereignty land adjoining his property. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted. The land was ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Offer of $160 submitted by Marcus Chancey, Parrish, Florida, was presented to the Trustees for the purchase of the

NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to decline offer of $160 for the land applied for by Mr. Chancey, but agree on a price of $5 an acre for the land. Motion of Mr. Mayo was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. Whereupon, it was ordered that the land be offered to Mr. Chancey at a price of $5 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer of $325 from W. G. Lemmon of Branford, Florida, for the SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 14 East, Suwanee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bid accepted.

The City of Fort Pierce, Florida, represented by City Attorney W. O. Dennison, submitted offer of $150 for approximately seven acres of sovereignty land now being used by the City as a Yacht Basin; conveyance to be for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to accept offer of $150 from the City of Fort Pierce, plus cost of advertisement for sovereignty land owned by the State and used by the City of Ft. Pierce as a City Yacht Basin, the parcel to be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised as required by law.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for conveyance of an area granted by the Legislature to the Florida East Coast Railway Company when the railroad was constructed from the mainland to Key West. Information was that the State Road Department had acquired deed from the Railway Company to the property and now desires conveyance from the Trustees of any interest the State might have on account of reversion or otherwise.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees make conveyance of any interest the State holds in the property applied for by the State Road Department. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the Trustees denied request from J. Eftus Kirkland, Wewahitchka, Florida, for permit to erect a small shack in the Dead Lakes, Gulf County, objections having been presented to the granting of such request.

Application was presented from O. L. Godwin, Sebring, Florida, with offer of $7,500.00 for

Lots 6, 7 and 8, Section 29;
Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Section 33;
All in Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Containing 285.24 acres.

the land being located on Lake Istokpoga in Highlands County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $7,500.00 from Mr. Godwin for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $5 an acre from J. H. Ramer of Sebring, Florida, for Sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $1.50 an acre from Ed C. Harvell, Milton, Flordia, for the purchase of

N½ of SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 26 West, Santa Rosa County.

The Trustees were of the opinion that the offer was too low, Field Agent's appraisal having been considerably higher.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $800 from Inman Weeks for 53.31 acres of lake bottom lands owned by the State, described as

Lot 3, Section 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, located in the vicinity of Lakeport.

It was so ordered that the offer be declined.

Application was presented from P. L. Carlton, Fort Green, Florida, for the purchase of the

SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 11, and NW¼ of SW¼, Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $2 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Carlton. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined on the ground that the price was insufficient.

Application was presented from Captain William S. Pocock, McDill Field, Tampa, Florida, for 99-year lease on an island in Tampa Bay created through dredging operations, comprising approximately one acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson. that the request from Captain Pocock be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from William H. Hunter, Jacksonville, Florida, making application to purchase Lot 5 of Section 7, Township 5 South, Range 25 East, Clay County, and offering $605 for the Lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $605 from Mr. Hunter for the Lot described. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from C. A. Bailey, Pahokee, Florida, offering $100.00 per acre for 17.01 acres of lake bottom land in Section 26, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, which land is now leased to Mr. Bailey.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline offer of purchase from Mr. Bailey for the land described as it was deemed more profitable for the State to lease the land than sell at the price offered. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Charles B. Cleveland, Miami Beach, Florida, on behalf of John L. Patton, offering $75 an acre for 13.61 acres of sovereignty land in Section 2, Township 52 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, lying between the Government Meander of Lot 6, Section 2 and the East right of way line of Florida East Coast Canal; said area being located in Dumfoundling Bay.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Patten had paid the Trustees $50 an acre for lease covering this area but now desires to purchase and offers an additional $75 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees sell the 13.61 acres described to Mr. Patten at the price offered—$75 an acre plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised as required by law.

Request was presented from Wendell Heaton, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of Smith & Yetter, Palm Beach County, offering $10 an acre for

Lot 3, Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, containing 44.57 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the offer of $10 an acre be declined for the land applied for by Mr. Heaton, but that a price of $15 an acre be agreed on. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. The Land Clerk was authorized to submit the counter proposition to Mr. Heaton.

Offer of $100 an acre was presented from Lyle D. Holcomb, on behalf of Benjamin Russell, for the following described land in Dade County:

12.25 acres of sovereignty land in Sections 28 and 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that the tract lies immediately North of the parcel sold to Miami Corporation at a recent meeting.

Upon motion offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted $100 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Holcomb, plus cost of advertisement. The land was ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Application was presented from A. R. Richardson, for Arthur Wells, Sam Fleming and Howard Hainey, offering $12.50 an acre for

Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, located 5 miles East of Belle Glade and 2 miles from the nearest highway and canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $12.50 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Richardson, but it was agreed to sell the Section at a price of $15.00 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $12.00 an acre was presented from Arthur Treister, Miami Beach, Florida, for Lot 16, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $12 an acre for the land applied for, and that a price of $25 an acre be agreed upon for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk requested to notify Mr. Treister that the land could be bought for $25 an acre.

Application was presented from Alfred Destin, Inc., for three-year permit to remove sand from the Atlantic Ocean, East of Bear Cut in Township 54 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. Offer of 5 cents per cubic yard was made for the first year and 7½ cents per cubic yard for the second and third years, with minimum royalty of $25 per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the three-year lease be granted for removing sand from the area described upon payments as offered by Alfred Destin, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

P. V. Proctor of DeLand, Florida, made offer of 23 cents per tie for ties to be cut and removed from State land in Section 25, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County.

Information was given that the application covered land upon which trespass had been committed. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of Mr. Proctor be declined for ties. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $300 was presented from C. M. Larrick, Lake Harbor, Florida, for the purchase of approximately four (4) acres of marginal land between his property and the Government Levee in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept the offer of $300 from C. M. Larrick for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of having some person employed at a nominal salary to patrol the cypress timber land owned by the State in Volusia and Lake Counties, or of having the Field Agent of the Trustees make periodical trips to check up on any trespass on the property.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. S. S. Savage, Field Agent be directed to visit the property about every sixty days and report to the Trustees his findings. Also, that an effort be made to locate some person in that locality to keep watch over the property.

Application was submitted from George W. Whitehurst for renewal of grazing leases Numbers 66, 132 and 133 covering Hendry County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Grazing Leases Numbers 66, 132 and 133, Hendry County, be renewed for a period of one year in favor of George W. Whitehurst. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Government Survey of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County, shows a full section patented to the State, but it has since developed that there is a lake known as Lake Jenny-Jewell on a portion of the Section which was not meandered by the Government; that Miss Elizabeth N. Acheson and sister of Jacksonville, Florida, own Lots 52 and 53, Lillian Barnham S/D of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, abutting on the lake and certain parties in the vicinity have questioned their rights to the strip between their upland and the waters' edge, caused by receding of the water. They now make application for a quitclaim deed to the strip in question.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in favor of Miss Elizabeth N. Acheson and sister to the strip of land adjoining Lots 52 and 53 of Lillian Barnham S/D of Section 12, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County, lying between said lots and the waters of Lake Jenny-Jewell, upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless reported that in connection with recently authorized easements in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District through and across open waters in Dade County, it has developed that squatters are taking possession of the spoil areas thrown up by dredging the Intracoastal Waterway and objections have been received from persons owning valuable property in the vicinity of the spoil banks.

Discussion was had as to the proper procedure to prevent squatters coming onto these areas and it was agreed that the Navigation District would be the proper authority to handle the situation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Florida Inland Navigation District be requested to protect the spoil areas thrown up by its dredging operations from occupancy by squatters or other persons. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to notify the District of action taken.

The following bill amounting to $50.00 was approved and check ordered drawn in payment thereof:

William L. Hill	$50.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 8, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. R. R. Martin, of Ft. Pierce, representing St. Lucie County, Florida, came before the Trustees and requested conveyance to the County of all the sovereign, swamp, overflowed, submerged and partly submerged land owned by the State in Sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, in Township 34 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, to be used for public park purposes, such conveyance to be made pursuant to Chapter 21547, Acts of 1941 Legislature. An offer of $2.50 an acre was submitted by the County for the land aggregating approximately 500 or 600 acres.

Mr. Martin stated that the County was desirous of developing this tract as a National Monument to preserve and perpetuate Old San Lucia Mission.

Discussion was had as to the provisions of the law authorizing the Trustees to convey the land applied for by St. Lucie County and the price per acre to be charged for such land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Field Agent be directed to make an inspection of the land, making report of his findings, and that the Attorney General be requested to examine the law and advise the Trustees on the subject.

Mr. Martin was informed that the Board would take action as soon as the investigation and reports were made.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $5 an acre from W. B. Norton for 155.16 acres of State land in Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, which was leased to him for grazing up to May 20, 1941. Offer was also submitted from E. P. Scarborough of $5 an acre for 44.67 acres of the same tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offers from Mr. Norton and Mr. Scarborough for the land described. It was agreed, however, to lease the tract at a price of 25c per acre.

Offer of $25 annually for five-year grazing lease was submitted from C. W. O'Berry, DeSoto City, Florida, on 213.41 acres of State land in Section 15, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer for five-year lease, but it was agreed to issue grazing lease at a price of 15 cents an acre annually.

Request was presented from Chester D. Drake, Secretary Nokomis Communities, Nokomis, Florida, that the Trustees set aside a small island at the entrance of Venice Inlet comprising approximately 3.5 acres in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County, to be used as a bird sanctuary.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the island be withdrawn from sale for the present, with the idea of its being used as a bird sanctuary on behalf of Nokomis Communities. Upon vote the motion was duly adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Trustees sold under contract 70 acres of land in Section 7, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, to W. R. Hooker in May 1936, and it now appears that there were outstanding South Florida Conservancy District Taxes for the year 1935 on the land amounting ot $425.40.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees pay South Florida Conservancy District taxes in the amount of $425.40 on land sold to W. R. Hooker, provided the Attorney General, upon examination, states that the Trustees are liable for such taxes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter was referred to the Attorney General for opinion.

Application was submitted from Mrs. T. D. Hux for renewal of grazing lease No. 95 on 135 acres of land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, Florida, expiration date June 18, 1941, for which she offers 15 cents an acre.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees authorized renewal for one year of Lease No. 95 in favor of Mrs. T. D. Hux upon payment of 15 cents an acre.

Offer of 10 cents an acre from Sidney L. Kendrick was presented for grazing lease on 480 acres of State land in Section 20, Township 55 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted to decline offer of 10 cents an acre for lease on the land applied for, but it was agreed to make a counter offer to Mr. Kendrick of 15 cents an acre for one year grazing lease.

Letter was presented from Mabry C. Carlton of Jacksonville, asking if the Trustees would be willing to grant grazing leases on islands in the St. Johns River.

Upon motion of Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted, the Trustees declined to lease the islands in the St. Johns River and Mr. Bayless was requested to so advise Mr. Carlton.

Request was presented from H. T. Cook, representing Marine Studios, Marineland, Florida, to purchase a certain tract of beach property between low and high water mark, adjacent to ownership of his company. It was explained that with the permission of the War Department the Marine Studios had installed pipe lines extending from the bulkhead on the beach to the ocean for the purpose of pumping water to the company's property. That the lines crossed the beach at two points, and in order to prevent accidents to persons riding along the beach, should the pipes be exposed at any time, it was deemed advisable for the Company to have control of the strip applied for. Mr. Bayless explained that it had not been the policy of the Trustees to make conveyance of any of the beaches, but in the case in question the public could only ride a short distance beyond the point where the pipe line is run and an exception might be made in that case.

Upon consideration of several suggestions made, Mr. Larson moved that Mr. Bayless be directed to try and work out something in the way of a lease that would allow the Marine Studios to protect their property. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $50 was presented from Mrs. Buford Hall of Inverness, Florida, for Lot 3, Section 9, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County, located on Lake Tsala Apopka, containing approximately 1.85 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of Mrs. Buford Hall be accepted for the Lot applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. J. M. Boyd, Engineer for Palm Beach County, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken June 25, at which meeting it was agreed to release from Contract No. 18273 the S½ of SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 9, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, containing 20 acres, upon payment of $471.60. The County requests that the Trustees waive the payment of $471.60 as the land is to be used as a rock pit and will be for public purposes.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted that the Trustees decline to waive payment as agreed upon June 25, but request that the original agreement be carried out.

Application was submitted from A. R. Richardson on behalf of Luther Jones of Belle Glade, offering $140 for Tract 27 of Section 31, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, containing 17.9 acres. The land is at present leased on a basis of $10 an acre.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to sell the land at the price offered by Mr. Jones.

Offer of $75 an acre was submitted from W. R. Hooker, Belle Glade, Florida, for lake bottom land in Section 4, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $75 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Hooker. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer was declined.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had received memorandum from Everglades Drainage District addressed to Creditors of the District, enclosing copy of the Plan of Composition and blanks to be filled out for acceptance of the Plan of Composition. In the Plan of Composition the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were not listed as creditors and it is believed that since the Act itself—Chapter 20568—Section 17, specifically provides for settlement of the indebtedness with the Trustees, it would not be necessary for the Trustees to take further action than the adoption of the Resolution June 23rd agreeing that this board would comply with and abide by the terms of Section 17 of Chapter 20568.

Discussion was had as to whether or not Everglades Drainage District would pay a part of the fee of Mr. J. Lewis Hall, since his services redounded to the interest of the District as well as the Trustees. No decision was reached, the matter having been left with the Attorney General to reach an agreement with Mr. Hall as to amount of fee.

The Governor reported on conversation he had with H. C. Rorick as to progress being made for clearing up all matters incident to preparation of the refunding bonds; the disposition of a $3,500 cash item deposited with the State Treasurer, the disposition of three suits including an injunction prohibiting the payment of taxes to Everglades Drainage District. Mention was also made of a $3,000 claim by Mr. Caldwell for litigation handled before Judge Chillingworth.

The Governor also stated that it was his understanding that so long as he and the Attorney General reported from time to time progress on the refinancing of the District, that was what the other members desired; however, if more detailed information on the various negotiations was wanted, he would be glad to give it.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Governor proceed as heretofore and give periodical reports on the Refunding of the Everglades bonds as progress was made. Motion adopted.

Financial Statement for the month of June is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1941

CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS

Various land sales	$ 10,990.44	
Farm Lease	5,048.61	
Shell Lease	823.68	
Grazing Lease	125.21	
Mineral Lease	50.63	
Timber Lease	195.52	
Sand	8.55	
Fishing Campsite	37.50	
Rock Lease	37.50	
Lake Bottom Lease	37.50	
Miscellaneous Receipts	16.50	
Total Receipts during month of June	$ 17,371.64	
Balance on hand June 1, 1941	180,676.42	
	$198,048.06	
Less disbursements	6,901.40	
Balance on hand June 30, 1941		$191,146.66

BALANCE IN BANKS JUNE 30, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$158,013.75	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	15,311.60	
Total amount in banks		$191,146.66

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
June 13.	11961	Florida State Planning Board	$5,000.00
25.	11977	William L. Hill	50.00
24.	11962	F. E. Bayless	69.10
	11963	S. S. Savage	248.80
	11964	W. B. Granger	29.15
	11965	J. Tom Watson	4.00
	11966	Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency	70.00
	11967	J. M. Lee	101.25
	11968	Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	8.50
	11969	Southeastern Telephone Co.	12.95
	11970	Millard B. Conklin	32.65
	11972	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	11973	M. O. Barco	175.00
	11974	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	11975	S. S. Savage	200.00
	11976	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	11971	F. C. Elliot	400.00
		Total Disbursements during June 1941	$6,901.40

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1941

CHAPTER 19296

Balance on hand as of June 1, 1941	$36,277.96	
Total land sales during June 1941	56,398.06	
Grand Total	$92,676.02	
Disbursements during June 1941	72,449.31	
Balance on hand June 30, 1941	$20,226.71	$20,226.71

BALANCE IN BANKS AS OF JUNE 30, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$15,029.22	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida	5,197.49	
Total in Banks June 30, 1941	$20,226.71	$20,226.71

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
June 24,	1661	Geo. F. Sampson	$ 250.00
	1662	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	1663	Helen Phillips	125.00
	1664	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	1665	R. F. Vason	125.00
	1666	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1667	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1668	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1669	Robert Hensley	85.00
	1670	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	1671	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield	100.00
	1672	Trustees I. I. Fund	118.00
	1673	D. H. Sloan, Jr., C.C.C.	4.08
	1674	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.90
	1675	Western Union Co.	7.72
	1676	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	75.56
	1677	Rose Printing Co.	3.75
	1678	Commercial Office Supply Co.	1.44
	1679	Capital Office Equipment Co. Inc.	3.00
	1681	George Cochran	3.75
	1682	Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
	1641	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas. to General Revenue Fund	70,000.00
	1642	Oscar Green	5.00
	1643	John Benjamin	24.77
	1644	New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	5.00
	1645	Estella Culverson	5.00
	1646	Mary McQuarters	5.00
	1647	E. J. Jones	15.00
	1648	J. P. Parker	5.00
	1649	Lelia Harris	5.00
	1650	Willie O'Neal	10.00
	1651	Lonnie Caldwell	5.00
	1652	Dennie G. Weaver and Alma E. Weaver	20.00
	1653	Shelton Gavin	10.00
	1654	Clarence W. Nelson and C. H. Nelson	495.00
	1655	Henry Lang	7.50
	1656	A. E. Cooper	43.63
	1657	Edwin Thomas	52.00
	1658	B. M. Banks	24.50

1659—Frank Taylor	224.71
1660—Ford W. Heacock	69.00
Total disbursements for June 1941	$72,449.31

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. W. P. Allen, Attorney of Tallahassee, and Mr. Earl H. Morris of Welaka, Putnam County, Florida, came before the Trustees with reference to bids submitted by Mr. Morris on certain parcels of land in the town of Welaka, Putnam County, title to which came to the State under Chapter 18296. Information was given that three bids submitted by Mr. Morris were protested by the former owner of the land, T. C. Douglas, and that the interested parties had not been able to settle their differences and let deeds go out. Mr. Morris stated that he did not want to take away the home property of Mr. Douglas and had offered to loan him the money to buy it in but the offer was refused and he had been unable to reach any agreement with him. That the place in which Mr. Douglas was living was a badly run down wooden hotel of about 25 rooms with a nice orange grove around it; that another piece of property was a concrete building operated as a beer stand and the third piece was unimproved lots. All of the property was in a run down condition, grown up in weeds and he intended buying it in, make the necessary repairs and cleaning up the premises generally. Mr. Morris offered to allow the amount of his bid on the three parcels—$585—to stand with deed to the hotel property, on which he bid $275, to be made to Mr. Douglas provided the Trustees would deed him the other two parcels on which he bid a total of $310.00.

Mr. Allen offered to take the matter up with Mr. Douglas and try and work out an agreeable disposition of the bids and report to the Trustees at the meeting July 15.

The Attorney General moved that the matter be left with Mr. Allen to work out with Mr. Douglas along the lines of Mr. Morris' proposal and that Mr. Douglas be notified that final dispostiion of the sale would be made July 15. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed numbers*
Dade County	1084 to 1113 inc. 1115 to 1213 inc.
Duval County	259-COR. 805
Jefferson County	8
Lee County	161 to 310 inc.
Leon County	44-COR.
Martin County	154
Palm Beach County	617
Putnam County	50

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Trustees; that the following bids are all regular in all respects and ready for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	6/17/41	33
Baker	6/26/41	1
Bay	6/9/41	8
Bay	6/23/41	3
Bradford	6/10/41	3
Bradford	6/30/41	2
Columbia	6/30/41	5
Dade	6/4/41	43
Duval	6/16/41	1
Franklin	6/10/41	4
Gadsden	6/23/41	5
Hendry	6/26/41	3
Hillsborough	6/23/41	101
Lafayette	6/19/41	1
Martin	6/9/41	15
Okeechobee	7/1/41	4
Orange	6/9/41	17
Palm Beach	6/7/41	75
Pinellas	6/17/41	72
Polk	5/29/41	65
St. Johns	6/16/41	46

St. Johns	6/11/41	22
Suwannee	6/9/41	8
Washington	6/16/41	5

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds ordered issued to purchasers, subject however to protest to any bid filed under the protest rule.

Mr. Larson reported that he had received information that in some counties applications were filed as former owners and later it developed that another party was former owner; that when sales were held and it was announced that applicant was the former owner, other bidders would stop bidding and in numerous cases land would be sold for far less than its real value, or for less than some other party would be willing to bid had it been announced that applicant was not in fact the former owner.

Suggestions were offered and discussed as to how this situation might be handled.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that applicant or other bidder be required to make affidavit before the Clerk of the Circuit Court, prior to bidding, as to whether or not he was the former owner of the property for sale, and that the Attorney General be requested to prepare affidavit along the lines suggested. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for Right of Way Easements to be used in connection with the following State Roads:

Clay County—Road No. 121—Project 5503—SRD No. 21

Hernando County—Road No. 15—Project 794-A (5313)—SRD No. 19

Pasco County—Road No. 34—Project 1062—SRD No. 1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted that the Trustees grant easements listed above as requested by the Road Department. Execution of the easements was authorized.

Application was presented from A. Fortenberry Company, Inc., for release of State Road Right of Way reservation in Brevard County Deed No. 135 in favor of A. Fortenberry Company, dated November 11, 1940.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Road Department has approved the release of a portion of the reservation and recommends issuance of Quit Claim deed.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute Brevard County Quit Claim Deed No. 135 in favor of A. Fortenberry Company, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deed ordered executed.

The Secretary presented letter from the Attorney General's office giving information that Edith Coyal Mears of Macon, Missouri, had made a bid of $30 on the following described land which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

> Lots 1 to 12, Block 202, Income Gardens, a Sub. as per Plat Book 35, Page 65, of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida—Located in the town of Opa-Locka.

which lots were included in a condemnation suit instituted by the United States, titled,

> U. S. vs. 1533.35 acres of land in Dade County, Florida
> Miami No. 246—File No. 4138.

It was recommended that the bid of Edith Coyal Mears be rejected.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the incompleted sale to Edith Coyal Mears be set aside and refund made, thereby leaving the lands subject to the Federal suit. The motion was duly adopted and the bid rejected.

The Secretary was authorized to have refund check drawn in favor of Edith Coyal Mears for amount of bid and costs.

Request was submitted from the City of Chipley that land which had been applied for, advertised and sold to the City on a bid of $52.50, be conveyed to said city upon payment of $1 as provided in Senate Bill 229, Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941 legislature. Information was that the sale was held May 2nd and bid of $52.50 was subsequently accepted by the Trustees and instructions sent to the Clerk to prepare deed; that following enactment of th law as above the City requested that the Trustees refund the bid of $52.50 and accept check for $1 in payment for the W½ of SE¼ of Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 13 West, 80 acres in Washington County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether or not the request of the City of Chipley could be complied with.

Request was presented from the City of Bradenton that the Trustees allow a base bid of $50 on Lots 10 and 11, Block 25, Adams Annex, Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County. Report from the Clerk of the Circuit Court was that the City was the title-holder of these lots and had intended buying them in under the Murphy Act prior to June 9, 1939, together with a number of other lots in the same Block.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and adopted that the City of Bradenton be allowed to file application for advertisement of the two lots described with a base bid of $50 and that in all other respects the usual procedure be followed in carrying out the sale.

Request was presented from Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County that the Trustees allow a base bid of $1 per lot for Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, Block 5, Sulphur Springs Addition, the lots being desired as a location for a Clinic and Health Center for the County.

Discussion was had as to lowering the base bid in view of the assessed value—1932—$800 and 1940—$480.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee to decline offer of $1 per lot. Motion seconded and adopted.

Mr. Mayo moved that the County be allowed to make application for the lots with a base bid of $10 per lot, which motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted. It was directed that the sale in all other respects be held according to the regular procedure.

Mr. Elliot reported that there were about 40 Special Cases and protests needing action by the board and suggested that a Committee be appointed to consider the cases and report to the entire board their recommendations.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that a committee of three be appointed to consider the Special Cases under the Murphy Act referred to by the Secretary, with the understanding that where recommendation as to disposition was unanimous the board automatically approve the action, but if not unanimous such cases be reported back for consideration of the full membership. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted.

The Governor appointed as the Committee, Mr. Mayo, Mr. Larson and Mr. Watson, with time of meeting to be arranged at such time as suited the convenience of the three members.

Minutes of the Trustees dated June 3rd, 13th, 23rd, and 25th, presented, and upon motion seconded and duly carried were adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 24, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Capitol Building.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

Wakulla County Deed No. 49 was presented to the Trustees for action, statement being made that bid had been accepted at a former meeting, payment made therefor and deed was ready for signature.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to approve Deed No. 49—Wakulla County and to authorize execution and delivery of deed. It was so ordered and the Secretary directed to have deed executed and delivered to grantee.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 29, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Luther Jones of Belle Glade, Mr. F. Dean Duff of Clewiston, and Mr. A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee, Florida, presented the request of United States Sugar Company for exchange of certain land owned by them for other lands owned by the State, in order to block up their holdings. The land which the Sugar Company desires the State to convey comprises 12,713.29 acres in the following townships and ranges:

Township 44 South, Range 35 East,
Township 44 South, Range 37 East,
Townships 42 and 43 South, Range 38 East

All in Palm Beach County, Florida,

in exchange for which the Sugar Company will allow the State to select 19,840 acres of its property in the following townships and ranges:

Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County

Townships 44 and 45 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County

Townships 45 and 46 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County

The Attorney General made a motion, which was seconded by the Comptroller, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot for investigation and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

A similar request having been submitted to the State Board of Education and Mr. Bayless having been directed to make investigation and report as to the holdings of the School Board, it was requested that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless make a joint examination of the proposed exchanges and submit recommendations.

Luther Jones of Belle Glade and A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of clients, submitted offer of $10 an acre for approximately 800 acres, being that part of Sections 30 and 31, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, lying South of Bolles Canal, Palm Beach County. Information was that the land in question is mostly sawgrass, located approximately one and one-half miles east of Road No. 26 and four miles South of South Bay.

The sale was recommended by the Land Clerk, whereupon Mr. Watson moved that sale of the land applied for by Messrs. Jones and Richardson be sold at the price offered—$10 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Luther Jones and Mr. A. R. Richardson, representing clients, offered $25 an acre for Tract 20 of Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County—20 acres. Recommendation was that examination be made of the land before taking action on the offer.

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, for investigation and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. J. F. Riley of Palm Beach, and Mr. A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, representing Bessemer Properties, offered $100 an acre for marginal lands in Section 28, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, lying between the meander and Florida East Coast Canal and containing approximately eight (8) acres after deducting right of way for State Road No. 140. Information was furnished that the parcel applied for is in the direction of the East Coast Canal and not toward the ocean side of the strip.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees sell the land applied for by Bessemer Properties at the price offered—$100 an acre, plus cost of advertising—the acreage to be determined by the Land Clerk. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote duly adopted. The land was ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Mr. J. F. Riley and Mr. A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Bessemer Properties, requested that the Trustees convey approximately 3.55 acres of marginal lands in Sections 28 and 29, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach

County, in exchange for 5.3 acres which applicants deeded to the State Road Department as right of way.

Information was furnished that Bessemer Properties by bulkheading and filling the strip of land assisted in the building of the road.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the two small parcels requested be sold to Bessemer Properties for a consideration of $25 an acre, representing the interest of the School fund in the land, and that the Trustees exchange the equity of the State for State Road right of way heretofore conveyed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised as required by law, applicant to pay cost of advertising.

Messrs. Farnell and Stubbs of Lake City came before the board with request for information as to whether or not the Trustees would be interested in selling cypress timber from State land known as Crows Bluff tract in Volusia and Lake Counties. Mr. Stubbs stated they would not want to go to the expense of making a survey to determine the amount of timber unless they had some assurance that the Trustees would sell the timber if a price could be agreed upon. Present estimate was that there would be approximately $60,000.00 worth of timber.

The Board was advised that the timber in question was involved in a trespass claim against Wilson Cypress Company and in process of settlement at this time. The Attorney General was of the opinion that definite commitment for sale should not be made at this time until the trespass claim against Wilson Cypress Company has been terminated. Mr. Watson offered the motion that the Trustees give notice that ninety (90) days from this date bids will be received for the timber known as the Crows Bluff tract; that such notice be furnished to Wilson Cypress Company, also any other parties who have shown a desire to submit bids or interested in the purchase of the property, and to the public generally.

Mr. Lee offered substitute motion that the timber be put on the market now and notice given that bids will be received without obligation on the part of the Trustees to accept any bid made. That for the past eight years he had tried to get action on this trespass but it has been postponed from time to time and he was in favor of restoring it to sale and immediately asking for bid.

Mr. Watson stated that it would facilitate disposition of the trespass case against Wilson Cypress Company if the Trustees would hold off sale for 90 days which would be helpful in concluding settlement of the case.

Governor Holland asked if there was a second to the substitute motion. No second being made disposition was requested on original motion.

Mr. Larson seconded motion of Mr. Watson that 90 days from this date the timber on the Crows Bluff tract be put on the market and bids be received for sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted, and it was so ordered.

Several parties having requested a meeting with the board for the purpose of presenting applications to make explorations for oil and gas on State lands in Florida, the Board stated they were ready to hear the interested parties.

Judge Rivers Buford, Tallahassee, and Mr. A. E. Freel, Chipley; Mr. J. Ray Arnold, Groveland, and Mr. McKay, Tampa; Mr. Wm. G. Blanchard, Mr. Frank Pepper and Mr. McCord, Miami, and Mr. Hayden Davis of Springfield, Illinois, were present.

Mr. Bayless reported that three applications for Exploration contracts had been filed as follows:

1. A. E. Freel, Chipley, Florida: An area along the Gulf, Bay, Sound and sovereignty owned bottoms between the Alabama State line on the West to a line between Townships 8 and 9 West, on the East; said contract to be for a period of eighteen months with privilege of selecting an area for leasing prior to said expiration date.

2. Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc.: An area commencing at a line on the West between Ranges 8 and 9 West and running to Parallel 26 degrees North latitude; also in Lakes Okeechobee, Kissimmee, Istokpoga, Tohopekaliga, East Tohopekaliga, Apopka, George, Weir and Lochloosa.

3. Wm. G. Blanchard and Associates: An area commencing from 26 degrees North latitude including the remainder of the Gulf Coast area to and including a portion of Biscayne Bay.

The Attorney General moved that Judge Buford be invited to give the board the benefit of his ideas and experience. Whereupon the Governor stated that he was sure the motion needed no second and that the Trustees would be glad to hear from Judge Buford.

Judge Buford related his experiences in oil explorations over a period of approximately 12 or 15 years and informed the Trustees of the background of Mr. A. E. Freel, with whom he is associated in an application for survey and exploration contract on the areas indicated.

Discussion was had as to whether or not it would be desirable to have each applicant separately submit any information desired without the presence of the other applicants, but it was agreed by all interested parties that there would be no objection to having an open meeting with all present.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to hear from each applicant and at the conclusion of hearings a committee be appointed to work out a suitable exploration contract and standard lease form for use in these and other cases that might come before the Trustees. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Governor stated that the board was ready to hear from the applicants in the order in which their proposals were read.

Messrs. Freel, Arnold and Blanchard informed the board as to their background in the oil business, association with oil fields in other states, the experience they have had with different large oil companies, the actual drilling experince had in Florida, the types of instruments heretofore used to locate oil bearing areas and the methods to be used in the proposed explorations and surveys.

Expressions were given as to the form of contract and leases desired, the terms of payment, conditions with reference to actual drilling of wells upon selection of areas and issuance of leases and information as to the difference in cost of explorations on the three areas.

Mr. Freel stated that he had been associated for several years with Col. Ed Sims, one of the pioneers in oil fields of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama.

Mr. Arnold stated that he was associated with Mr. McKay of Tampa.

Mr. Blanchard's associates were given as Messrs. Pepper and McCord of Miami and Mr. Hayden Davis of Springfield, Illinois, fifth largest independent oil operator in the United States.

At the conclusion of statements, the Governor inquired if any of the members of the board had information as to other parties being interested in the areas covered by the three applications presented, but was advised that there were none.

The Governor also requested that proper precautions be taken in preparation of the form of lease to safeguard residential property and valuable waterfront interests; also that leases not be basis for stock-selling scheme.

Pursuant to motion of Mr. Watson for appointment of the Committee, the Governor appointed Messrs. Watson, Larson and Elliot as the Committee, to be assisted by Mr. Bayless when necessary.

Consideration of Broward County land advertised for sale July 15, having been deferred to this date, Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to instructions at the meeting May 6, the land applied for by R. R. Saunders on behalf of M. R. and Ruby McTigue and Ruth G. Faris, with an offer of $150 an acre, was advertised and the following Notice published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in the issues of June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 6, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, July 15, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

PARCEL No. 1:

> Beginning at the center of Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida; thence running north along the east line of the NW¼ of said Section 1, a distance of 325 feet to a point; thence northwest at an interior angle of 135 degrees a distance of 282.69 feet to a point; thence west at an interior angle of 134 degrees, 57 minutes, 6 seconds a distance of 1370 feet to a point; thence south at an interior angle of 90 degrees, 2 minutes, 54 seconds a distance of 525 feet to a point on the south line of the said NW¼; thence east at an interior angle of 89 degrees, 57 minutes, 6 seconds, along the south line of said NW¼ 1570 feet to the point of beginning; ex-

cepting therefrom that part of Government Lot 5 included therein. Containing six (6) acres, more or less.

PARCEL No. 2:

That certain parcel of land in the SW¼ of Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, Florida, bounded as follows: On the north by the North line of the said SW¼; on the east by the east line of the said SW¼; on the west by the east boundary line of Block 40, Lauderdale Isles, according to the plat thereof recorded in plat book 16, Page 33 of the public records of Broward County, Florida; said east boundary of Block 40 being also the west shore line of Middle River; and on the south by the south line of the aforesaid Block 40, extended to the east line of said SW¼. Containing 0.95 acres more or less.

PARCEL No. 3:

Beginning at the NE corner of Tract No. 1, Block 44, Lauderdale Isles according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat book 15, Page 46 of the public records of Broward County, Florida; thence east to a point on the east boundary of the SW¼ of Section 1, Township 50 South, Range 42 East; thence southeasterly in a straight line to the NE corner of Tract No. 2, of said Block 44, Lauderdale Isles; thence in a northwesterly direction along the northeast boundary line of said Block 44 to the point of beginning. Containing 2.65 acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliott, Secretary.

No objections being presented or filed, sale was ordered consummated to M. R. and Ruby McTigue and to Ruth

G. Faris, at a price of $150 an acre, plus cost of advertisement, and deed ordered executed.

The Attorney General having requested the Land Department to hold up delivery and execution of contracts for sale of State land, pending modification of the Contract form, Mr. Watson stated that he was withdrawing such request.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the contracts as originally drawn be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the contracts authorized executed and delivered.

The following bills amounting to $1,872.67 were approved and checks ordered issued in payment thereof:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller	$ 106.05
Mickler and Mickler, Attorneys at Law, St. Augustine	31.87
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	22.45
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	235.85
F. C. Elliot, Secretary	10.00
Gulf Stream Title Company, West Palm Beach	10.00
J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C., West Palm Beach	41.07
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	3.78
Miami Daily News, Miami	18.00
Fort Lauderdale News, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	22.50
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	7.75
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.90
Postmaster, Tallahassee	10.00
Frank Stoutamire, Sheriff Leon County	6.20
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	66.25
F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer, Salary	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, Salary	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer, Salary	175.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Salary	200.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office, part time	50.00
TOTAL	$1,872.67

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296—MURPHY ACT

The Trustees set this date for hearing and final disposition of sale of Putnam County land, applied for and bid in by Earl H. Morris of Welaka and verbally protested by T. C. Douglas of Welaka, as former owner. Mr. Morris and Mr. Douglas, notified by wire of the proposed hearing and Mr. J. V. Keen, representing Mr. Morris, notified by telephone, were all present.

For the benefit of Mr. Douglas the offer made to the Trustees by Mr. Morris was re-stated. Mr. Morris offered to allow the amount of his bid of February 1, 1941 on the three parcels,

N 75 ft. Front by 175 ft. E & W to River Block 2, Welaka—Map Bk. 1, P. 51	$200.00
All Block 7, Welaka, Map Bk. 1, Pg. 51	275.00
Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Blk. 19 Welaka, Map Bk. 1, Pg. 51	110.00

totaling $585 to stand and agreed that deed to the Hotel property be made to Mr. Douglas, provided the Trustees would deed the other two parcels to him. In other words, Mr. Morris would pay for all three parcels, totalling $585, receive deed to two with bid of $310 and Mr. Douglas would receive deed to the Hotel property without cost. The three interested parties were given opportunity to present their cases.

Mr. Morris stated that he was ready to carry out his offer made to the Trustees July 8, but he would like to have some assurance that Mr. Douglas would not upset deeds he already had to other land formerly owned by Mr. Douglas.

Mr. Douglas asked that he be given more time within which to deposit amounts necessary under the protest rule.

The Trustees reminded Mr. Douglas that he had been given considerable time within which to comply with the protest rule and the board had been very lenient with him.

Mr. Keen, representing Mr. Morris, asked that the board take action on the bids at this time as Mr. Morris had been to considerable expense, making several trips to Tallahassee to appear before the Trustees and had had his money out on these bids since February.

The Trustees were of the opinion that Mr. Morris had been very fair in his dealings and his offer was very generous; that Mr. Douglas had been given every consideration and had ample opportunity to protect whatever interest he might have had in the property and the sale could not be held up indefinitely without any attempt on his part to comply with the protest rule.

All parties having been heard and full opportunity given for discussion, Comptroller Lee moved that T. C. Douglas, the original record title holder, be given through the daylight hours of Friday, August 1, 1941, to file with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, as agent for the Trustees, all amounts necessary under the protest rule and if the Trustees have not received notice by Nine o'clock Saturday morning that such amounts have been deposited with the Clerk, deed shall be issued in favor of E. H. Morris to the three remaining tracts bid on at sale of February 1, 1941.

Attorney General Watson made substitute motion that Mr. Douglas be given two weeks from this date within which to deposit with Mr. Elliot the necessary amounts to complete protest (such figure to be furnished Mr. Douglas by Mr. Elliot immediately), and in addition Mr. Douglas to execute quitclaim deed to Mr. Morris covering all parcels of land in which he formerly had an interest.

Upon discussion of the substitute motion, it was thought that the Trustees should not put themselves in the position of requiring quitclaim deeds from former owners, the law having definitely vested in the State title to the lands under Chapter 18296.

Mr. Watson withdrew his substitute motion. Whereupon Mr. Larson seconded motion of Mr. Lee and upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Douglas was instructed to ascertain from Mr. Elliot the amounts necessary for him to deposit with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County if he desired to protest the sale of the three parcels bid in by Mr. Morris.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, represented by J. Lewis Hall, requested that action be taken on his bid of $92 filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Leon County on May 6, 1940, for 15 acres of land in Leon County, being part of Lot 2, Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, as per Deed Book 12, Page 412, covered by Certificates Nos. 445 for 1928 and 1336 for 1933.

Information was that the sale had been held up on protest from Annie M. Gardner, former owner of the land, represented by Clyde W. Atkinson; that protest was filed approximately two months after sale; that the case had been pending since that time and that applicant has agreed to raise his bid to $25 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer from Mr. Richardson of $25 an acre for 15 acres of land in Leon County be accepted and that deed be executed and delivered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented deeds covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and Numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	*Deed Numbers*
Alachua	289 to 383 inc.
Baker	33
Bay	127 to 134 inc.
Bradford	59 to 63 inc.
Brevard	282 to 313 inc.
Citrus	106 to 113 inc.
Clay	82 to 87 inc.
Columbia	175 to 190 inc.
Dade	1214 to 1258 inc.
DeSoto	76 to 85 inc.
Dixie	26 to 33 inc.
Duval	391, 840, 888 to 960 inc.
Escambia	61 to 66 inc.
Flagler	15 to 17 inc.
Gadsden	89-COR.
Gulf	29, 30, 31
Hamilton	53 to 56 inc.
Hardee	66 to 82 inc.
Hernando	28 to 44 inc.
Hillsborough	198, 1084 to 1181 inc.
Holmes	30 to 39 inc.
Jackson	95 to 107 inc.
Jefferson	40 to 46 inc.
Lafayette	15 to 18 inc.
Lake	286 to 342 inc.
Leon	54-COR., 76-COR., 102 to 107 inc.
Leon	108
Lee	311 to 315 inc.
Levy	63 to 83 inc.
Madison	12, 13, 14
Manatee	265 to 281 inc.
Marion	195 to 207 inc.
Monroe	331 to 345 inc.
Okeechobee	21 to 24 inc.
Orange	664 to 686 inc.

Osceola	180 to 187 inc.
Palm Beach	143, 956 to 1060 inc.
Pasco	367 to 382 inc.
Pinellas	58, 1255 to 1333 inc.
Putnam	196-COR., 379 to 463 inc., 465 to 470 inc.
Putnam	464
Sarasota	196 to 215 inc.
Seminole	190 to 215 inc.
St. Johns	148 to 209 inc.
St. Lucie	232 to 238 inc.
Sumter	233 to 248 inc.
Suwannee	81 to 108 inc.
Taylor	21, 79 to 81 inc.
Volusia	652 to 705 inc.
Walton	47 to 60 inc.
Wakulla	21-COR., 46 to 48 inc. 50 to 56 inc.
Washington	22, 46 to 63 inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, and duly adopted as to each County, that the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Lee moved that all available funds under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, be transferred to General Revenue Fund.

Upon information from the Secretary that $30,000 was available, the motion of Mr. Lee was seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted. It was so ordered that $30,000.00 be transferred from the Trustees account under Chapter 18296 to the General Revenue Fund.

The following bills amounting to $31,324.38 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 3.38
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.58
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.40
The Commercial Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	21.60
Cincinnati Office Supply Co., Cincinnati, Ohio	15.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	1.25

Capital City Publishing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	77.50
Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	30,000.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk, Salary for July	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper, Salary for July	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Stenographer	100.00
R. F. Vason, Clerk	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier 2/3 mo. @ $100	66.67
TOTAL	$31,324.38

The following refund checks were issued during July 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Edith Coyal Mears
c/o E. B. Leatherman, C.C.C.
Dade County
Miami, Florida .... $ 36.23

Mrs. J. M. Lord
c/o Cauley C. Copeland, C.C.C.
Dixie County
Cross City, Florida 11.37

C. A. Avriett
c/o Thelma Lewis, C.C.C.
Hamilton County
Jasper, Florida 25.00

Lotta M. Taylor and L. E. Wadsworth
c/o Dale B. Brown, C.C.C.
Flagler County
Bunnell, Florida 2.50

Miss Ruby Diamond
c/o Paul V. Lang, C.C.C.
Leon County
Tallahassee, Florida 58.50

C. A. Bailey and Ruby I. Bailey
c/o J. Alex Arnette, C.C.C.
Palm Beach County
West Palm Beach, Florida 25.00

I. E. Beck c/o Gilbert Langston, C.C.C. Wakulla County Crawfordville, Florida	180.00
E. P. Larsh c/o Gilbert Langston Wakulla County Crawfordville, Florida	20.00
Albert S. Walton c/o W. A. Williams, Jr., C.C.C. Putnam County Palatka, Florida	30.00
TOTAL	$388.60

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 5, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated July 8, 24 and 29 presented and upon motion seconded and adopted, were approved.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Letter was submitted from Lt. Colonel John W. Monahan, Commanding Officer, Air Base Headquarters Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, and from J. M. Boyd, County Engineer for Palm Beach County, making application for the Federal Government to use the S½ of Township 44

South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County, as a gunnery range in connection with Morrison Field. Consideration to be $1 annually.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State owned the following sections in Township 44, Range 40:

Sections 19, 21, 27, 29, 31 and 33;

that the land is in a wild unused area, three miles south of Road No. 25 at 20 Mile Bend and lease or permit could be granted on those areas if agreeable to the board.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to authorize permit in favor of the United States covering the sections owned by the State in the South Half of Township 44 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County; payment to be $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary was directed to prepare Permit for execution.

Report and bill from M. Lewis Hall with reference to services rendered in connection with representing the Trustees in the H. C. Rorick suits, was deferred until return of Governor Holland.

The Secretary reported that on June 25, 1941, the Trustees accepted offer of $100 an acre from Benjamin Russell, represented by Lyle D. Holcomb of Miami, Florida, for the purchase of certain submerged areas in Dade County Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in The Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, in the issues of July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, August 5, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

TRACT "E":

> . Commence at the Northwest corner of fractional Section 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due East along the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof

for a distance of 2258.28 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence South 4 degrees 56 minutes 8 seconds East for a distance of 541.11 feet to a point which is 539.10 feet South of, measured at right angles to, the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof; thence due West along a line parallel to and 539.10 feet South of the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 540 feet more or less to a point on the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay; thence Northerly meandering the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 550 feet more or less to the northern boundary and/or the prolongation East thereof of said fractional Section 33; thence due East along the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 460 feet more or less to the point of beginning containing 6.25 acres more or less.

TRACT ''F'':

Commence at the Northwest corner of fractional Section 33, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due East along the Northern boundary of said fractional Section 33 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 2258.28 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described; thence North 4 Degrees 56 minutes 8 seconds West for a distance of 692.57 feet to the Southeast corner of Block ''F'' of Sunrise Point according to a plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 32 at Page 2 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence due west along the South line of Block ''F'' of Sunrise Point as aforesaid and Southerly along the Westerly shore of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 950 feet more or less to the Southern boundary of fractional Section 28, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, Florida and/or the prolongation East thereof; thence due East along the Southern boundary of said fractional Section 28 and/or the prolongation East thereof for a distance of 460 feet more or less to the point of beginning containing 6.00 acres more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.
ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Upon information that no objections had been made, motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that sale be consummated to Benjamin Russell upon payment of $100 an acre plus advertising cost. The motion was duly adopted and deed ordered issued to Mr. Russell.

Request was submitted for approval of sale agreed on by the Trustees June 25, accepting offer of $150 from the City of Fort Pierce for approximately seven acres of sovereignty land in St. Lucie County, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. The following Notice was published in the Fort Pierce News-Tribune, issues of July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, August 5, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

> From the intersection of the south line of Avenue A and the east line of Riverside Drive, as now located in the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, measure east along the south line of said Avenue A a distance of one hundred five (105.0) feet to the water's edge of the Indian River and point of beginning; thence follow the meander of the water's edge to a point which is seven hundred forty (740.0) feet on a bearing of N 18° 53′ W. from point of beginning; Thence N 75° 22½′ E. four hundred sixty three (463.0) feet; thence S. 17° 16′ E. six hundred ninety five (695.0) feet; thence S. 70° 01′ W. four hundred forty (440.0) feet to point of beginning. Complete description to be given in deed.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections were made or filed, and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, sale was consummated in favor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, upon payment of $150 plus advertising costs, deed to contain reversion clause should the tract be used for other than public purposes. The Land Clerk was authorized to prepare the necessary deed for execution and delivery to purchaser.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees June 25, 1941, agreeing to sale of submerged lands in Lake Worth to the Town of Palm Beach at a price of $500 for approximately 14 acres, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida in the issues of July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, June 30, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, August 5, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in PALM BEACH COUNTY, Florida:

> From the Northwest corner of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, run South 88° 11′ East, 3,312.42 feet; Thence South 1° .02′ West, 77.03 feet; Thence South 88° 16′ East, 210 feet; Thence South 8° 27′ 30″ West, 641.43 feet to point of beginning of the tract herein described. Thence East 511.50 feet; Thence South 1,124.62 feet; Thence West 178.07 feet; Thence North 66° 54′ West 100 feet; Thence North 32° 28′ West 900 feet; Thence North 11° 15′ East 180 feet; Thence North 54° 6′ East 255 feet to the point of beginning herein above described.

> Said tract containing 14.10 acres, more or less, lying and being in Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, State of Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees consummate sale of the above described areas to the City of Palm Beach, upon payment of $500 plus advertising costs; stipulation to be made in deed that the land is to remain in its present condition without improvement or development of any kind. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to prepare deed for execution by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented the following offers for land which vested in the Trustees under Everglades Drainage tax certificates through settlement of September 18, 1931 between the Trustees and Everglades Drainage District, as authorized by Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931:

> $6.73 from A. W. Lindgren for purchase of N½ of NE¼ of NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 18, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, five acres covered by Cert. 5349, sale of August 6, 1928, in amount of $1.73;
> $7.29 from Mrs. Teckla M. Wyckoff for purchase of SW¼ of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 27, Township 56 South, Range 39 East—10 acres in Dade County, covered by Cert. No. 5428 sale of August 6, 1938 in amount of $2.29.

Mr. Elliot stated that he did not think anything in the 1941 Everglades Act—Chapter 20658—would interfere with the continuation of sales of lands under Everglades tax sale certificates, by virtue of which title to the land vested in the Trustees.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Larson moved that the matter be referred to the Attorney General. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented Trustees' check No. 9074 for $1.26 issued in favor of E. B. Leatherman and dated May 19, 1932. Information was that the check was drawn as a refund to Mr. Leatherman on account of redemption of Everglades Drainage tax sale certificate; that redemption had been allowed in the Clerk's office and return of the check was overlooked. Request is now made that check No. 9074 be cancelled and that deed be executed by the Trustees in favor of the owner of the land which was intended to be redeemed from taxes in 1932.

Application was presented from Lester Bill Jackson, R. F. D., No. 2, Box 135-A, Gainesville, Florida, offering Ten Cents per thousand pounds for the down fat wood and stumps on land in Levy County, owned by the Trustees through foreclosure under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Discussion was had as to method of checking and collecting on the material taken and it was deemed advisable to request the Retort Company purchasing the wood and stumps to make payment to the State on the basis of ten cents per thousand pounds.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of ten cents per thousand pounds for the down wood and stumps on Levy County land, provided arrangements can be made with the Retort Company to reserve amount due the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Resolution was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County, requesting that the Trustees convey to the said Board certain lands in Levy County title to which came to the State through foreclosure by the County of delinquent taxes under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, the said land to be leased to the United States for a period of twenty-five years for use as an air field and bombing range.

Discussion was had as to whether leasing of said tract should be from the Trustees direct, or whether the County should be the agency for dealing with the United States; also the advisability of a provision in the lease for return of the land to the State upon discontinuance of its use by the Federal Government.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the matter be looked into by the Attorney General to see what the Trustees should do in the premises. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Trustees recessed to meet at Three o'clock P. M.

3:00 o'clock P. M.

The Trustees met pursuant to recess of the morning with the same members present.

Offer of $10 an acre was presented from Russell O. Morrow, Lake Worth, Florida, on behalf of South Lake Worth Inlet District, for the purchase of 15 acres of submerged land lying adjacent to property owned by them in Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, being on the North and South sides of Lake Worth Inlet. The sale was recommended by the Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of $10 an acre be accepted for 15 acres of submerged land lying West of land owned by South Lake Worth Inlet District in Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, the said tract being 400 feet wide and approximately 1700 feet long; applicant to pay cost of advertising and deed to contain reversion clause in the event land is used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Application was presented from F. W. Cason on behalf of Kraemer Sugar and Syrup Company, offering $37.50 an acre for 151.45 acres of lake bottom land adjacent to upland property owned by them on Little Kraemer Island in Lake Okeechobee. Mr. Cason also agreed to pay all costs of foreclosure on the part of the Trustees.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that Mr. Cason's company originally purchased this land in 1925 at $50 an acre and paid in cash one-fourth of the purchase price or $1,893.14, but no further payments were made and the mortgage was foreclosed in 1938 vesting title to the land in the State. Recommendation was that the offer be accepted.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Trustees accepted offer of $37.50 an acre for the lake bottom land applied for by Mr. Cason, plus all costs incurred by the Trustees in foreclosure of the mortgage.

Request was presented from Inman W. Weeks for 5 year grazing lease on Lot 4, Section 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, containing 48.80 acres in Glades County, offering 25 cents an acre per annum for such lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Inman W. Weeks for a period of 5 years on Lot 4, Section 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered issued.

Offer of $150 was presented from Leo Bonner of Okeechobee, Florida, to purchase 42.5 acres of State land described as Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Section 26, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County, used by him as a fishing camp site for many years.

Mr. Bayless reported that the offer was considerably less than the appraisal by the Field Agent.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $150 for the three lots. It was agreed, however, that the 42.5 acres be sold at a price of $350. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to notify Mr. Bonner of the action taken.

Application was presented from B. H. Walker, Richmond, Virginia, offering $25 per annum for five year lease on One (1) acre of mud flats South of Cape Florida in Dade County; the parcel to be used as a fishing lodge site.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept from Mr. Walker $25 annually for five year lease on the parcel applied for, to be used for fishing camp purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless presented request from the State Road Department for perpetual borrow pit easement for use in connection with State Road No. 29, the tract being described as the SE¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, containing 10 acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Easement for Borrow Pit be granted in favor of the State Road Department covering the tract described above. Upon vote the motion was adopted, and the Easement authorized issued.

Application was presented from Arthur Treister, Miami Beach, Florida, offering $25 an acre for Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, located in Newman's Survey and lying South and West of Davie.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees sell the lots applied for by Mr. Treister at a price of $25 an acre, purchaser to assume any and all outstanding taxes against the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized at $25 net to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $1000 cash from George A. Speer, Jr., on behalf of C. S. Lee, for 360 acres of land in Sections 12, 30, 31, 32 and 33, Township 21 South, Range 33 East, Seminole County, the land having been appraised at approximately $1200.00. It was so ordered that the offer be declined.

Offer of $150 an acre was presented from Carmen Salvatore of Pahokee, Florida, for the following described land:

> SW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ and SE¼ of SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land lies between South Bay and Lake Harbor, on the South side of Highway No. 25 and is rented at present for $10 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Salvatore as it was deemed more profitable to continue renting the land.

Application was presented from Ed C. Harvell, Milton, Florida, offering $3 an acre for the following described land:

N½ of SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 26 West, Santa Rosa County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of $3 an acre for the land described, but it was agreed to accept $5 an acre, which was the price recommended by the Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and a price of $5 an acre was agreed on.

Application was presented from G. G. Albritton for renewal of grazing leases

No. 9—603.33 Acres
No. 17— 37.45 ”
No. 34—213.41 ”

covering land located in Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County. Offer of 25 cents an acre was made for renewal of one year.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees renew leases Nos. 9, 17 and 34 for a period of one year upon payment of Twenty-five (25) cents an acre. Upon vote motion was adopted and the leases authorized renewed for one year.

Application of S. J. Davis was presented to the board with offer of fifteen cents (15c) an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on 360 acres of land in

Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;
Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East,

Okeechobee County. Request was also made that at the expiration of the five year period, applicant be allowed the privilege of renewal at a price to be agreed upon, and refusal of the property in the event of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of fifteen cents an acre for lease of the land requested by Mr. Davis, but that five year lease be authorized upon payment of twenty-five cents an acre annually with option of renewal at a price to be agreed upon; also that refusal for purchase be granted in case of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease authorized for a period of five years upon payment of 25 cents an acre annually, with privilege of renewal and refusal to purchase.

Mr. Bayless reported as follows with reference to request from Marine Studios for lease of an area between low and high water mark in front of their property, referred to him for investigation: That he had taken up with H. T. Cook, Attorney for Marine Studios, Inc., the matter of lease on the area in question and a price of $10.00 annually was offered to lease the strip between high and low water mark in front of holdings of the Company for the purpose of placing barriers at the North and South boundaries of their property in order to keep motorists from driving along the beach in the vicinity of pipe lines running from the aquarium to the Ocean, the public to have free use of the area in every manner except the foregoing exception.

Information was that the parcel in question was at the end of the beach and used mostly as a place to turn around, the highway being on the opposite side of the property. It was recommended by the Land Clerk that lease be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue lease in favor of Marine Studios, Inc., covering the strip of land between high and low water adjacent to the property at Marineland upon payment of $10 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized.

Mr. Bayless reported as follows with reference to application from Saint Lucie County to acquire approximately 664 acres of State owned land in Sections 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, as provided in Chapter 21547, Acts of 1941:

> The land is mangrove and semi-submerged area lying on the East side of the Indian River North of the Inlet at Fort Pierce. The area is desired by the County for public park purposes, and through reclamation and development it is hoped to eliminate breeding of mosquitos and sand flies in that vicinity. A price of $10 an acre is recommended with the understanding that the area be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees sell the land applied for by Saint Lucie County, as described in Chapter 21547, Acts of 1941, at a price of $10 an acre, deed to contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed was authorized issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of $50 from

Otis L. Howell, Sarasota, Florida, for assignment of Mortgage No. 17334 from L. G. Johnson in amount of $2400.00, covering the W½ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 36 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County, containing 79.95 acres.

Mr. Bayless reported individual Tax Certificates No. 63 and No. 64, sale of 1939, held by W. G. Fletcher, West Palm Beach, Florida, involving the W½ of SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 3, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, aggregating $60.49, which land was sold to Harley Watson with the understanding that no taxes were outstanding.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees redeem the land from tax certificates held by Mr. Fletcher aggregating $60.49. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Trustees requested that more detailed information be furnished on application from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Helm Oil Company, for oil lease involving the North Half of Township 54 South, Range 36 East. Action was deferred pending receipt of desired information.

Application was presented from R. W. Farnell of Lake City, Florida, offering $140 for lease to remove timber ten inches and up from the S½ of Lot 4, Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 13 East, LaFayette County, located approximately nine miles from Branford.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $140 from Mr. Farnell for the timber on land in LaFayette County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $244.30 was submitted from J. R. Medlock of Mayo, Florida, for the NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 10, Township 7 South, Range 14 East, LaFayette County.

The Field Agent having appraised the land at that price, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $244.30 for the land in application of Mr. Medlock. Upon vote the motion was duly adopted and the offer accepted.

The following bills amounting to $870.87 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment therefor:

Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	$ 67.65

W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	13.05
J. A. Arnette, C. C. C., Palm Beach County	711.67
The Evening Independent, St. Petersburg, Fla.	29.25
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.	11.25
Miami Daily News, Inc., Miami, Fla.	21.00
News Tribune, Inc., Ft. Pierce, Fla.	11.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
TOTAL	$870.87

Financial Statement for the month of July 1941 is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 1941
CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS

Various land sales	$ 3,887.95	
Farm Lease	750.00	
Shell Lease	785.78	
Grazing Lease	434.55	
Mineral Lease	111.56	
Timber Lease	7.87	
Sand	40.58	
Fishing Campsite	37.50	
Rock Lease	37.50	
Lake Bottom Lease	2,608.62	
Hunting Lease	309.72	
Misc. Receipts	153.25	
Total Receipts during July 1941	$ 9,164.88	
Balance on hand as of July 1, 1941	198,438.87	
	$200,311.54	
Disbursements during July 1941	1,872.67	
Balance on hand as of July 31, 1941		$198,438.87

BALANCE IN BANKS AS OF JULY 31, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	$166,408.70	
Florida National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	17,821.31	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	14,208.86	
Total		$198,438.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
July 30,	11978	J. M. Lee, Comptroller	$ 106.05
	19979	Mickler & Mickler	31.87
	11980	W. B. Granger	22.45
	11981	S. S. Savage	235.85
	12005	F. C. Elliot	10.00
	12006	Gulf Stream Title Co.	10.00
	11984	J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C.	41.07
	11985	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas.	3.78
	11986	Miami Daily News	18.00
	11987	Ft. Lauderdale News	22.50
	11988	Rose Printing Co.	7.75
	11989	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.90
	11990	J. Frank Cochran, Postmaster	10.00
	11991	Frank Stoutamire	6.20
	11992	F. E. Bayless	66.25
	11999	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	12000	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	12001	M. O. Barco	175.00
	12002	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	12003	S. S. Savage	200.00
	12004	H. L. Shearer	50.00
		Total disbursements for July 1941	$1,872.67

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1941

CHAPTER 18296

Balance on hand as of July 1, 1941	$20,226.71	
Total Land Sales during July 1941	34,374.23	
	$54,600.94	
Disbursements during July 1941	31,712.98	
Balance on hand July 31, 1941		$22,887.96

BALANCE IN BANKS AS OF JULY 31, 1941

Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida	$18,827.14	
Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	4,060.82	
Total in Banks July 31, 1941		$22,887.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of		Amount
July 30,	1692	Edith Coyal Mears	$	36.23
	1693	Mrs. J. M. Lord		11.37
	1694	C. A. Avriett		25.00
	1695	Lotta M. Taylor & L. E. Wadsworth		2.50
	1696	Ruby Diamond		58.50
	1697	C. A. Bailey & Ruby I. Bailey		25.00
	1698	I. E. Beck		180.00
	1699	E. P. Larsh		20.00
	1700	Albert S. Walton		30.00
	1702	Geo. F. Sampson		250.00
	1703	Ernest Hewett		200.00
	1704	Helen Phillips		125.00
	1705	Mary Evans Voss		100.00
	1706	R. F. Vason		125.00
	1707	Jentye Dedge		25.00
	1708	M. O. Barco		25.00
	1709	F. C. Elliot		50.00
	1710	Robert Hensley		85.00
	1711	Mary Lila Willard		85.00
	1712	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield		66.67
	1683	Western Union Telegraph Co.		3.38
	1684	Postal Telegraph Cable Co.		.58
	1685	Capital Office Equipment Co.		8.40
	1686	Commercial Office Supply Co.		21.60
	1687	Cincinnati Office Supply Co.		15.00
	1688	H. & W. B. Drew Co.		1.25
	1689	Capital City Publishing Co.		77.50
	1690	Frank Cochran, Postmaster		30.00
	1691	Frank Cochran, Postmaster		30.00
	1701	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas.		30,000.00

Total disbursements during July 1941...$31,712.98

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and Numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	Deed Numbers
Broward	1072 to 1121 inclusive
Charlotte	51 to 59 inclusive
Citrus	114 to 120 inclusive
Columbia	191 to 198 inclusive
DeSoto	86 to 88 inclusive
Dixie	34 and 35
Duval	961
Franklin	30 to 32 inclusive
Gadsden	127 to 133 inclusive
Hamilton	57
Jefferson	47 to 49 inclusive
Lafayette	19
Polk	615 to 736 inclusive
Putnam	471
Santa Rosa	64
Walton	61, 62
Hillsborough	645-DUPLICATE
Polk	476-DUPLICATE

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	Date of Sale	No. of Bids
Alachua	4/30/41	2
Alachua	7/16/41	37
Baker	7/12/41	1
Bay	7/ 7/41	1
Bay	7/21/41	12
Bradford	7/14/41	3
Bradford	7/19/41	14
Brevard	7/ 8/41	13
Broward	6/16/41	84
Broward	7/14/41	50
Broward	7/21/41	280
Charlotte	6/ 9/41	14
Charlotte	7/ 7/41	6
Citrus	7/ 5/41	7
Clay	7/ 7/41	13

Columbia	7/14/41	12
Columbia	7/28/41	8
Dade	6/18/41	20
Dade	6/18/41	20
Dade	7/ 2/41	46
Dade	7/ 2/41	50
DeSoto	7/ 5/41	3
DeSoto	7/14/41	27
Dixie	7/ 7/41	1
Duval	11/12/40	1
Duval	6/24/41	99
Escambia	6/26/41	12
Franklin	7/ 7/41	3
Gadsden	7/28/41	8
Hamilton	7/ 7/41	2
Hardee	7/ 7/41	16
Hernando	6/28/41	9
Hernando	7/ 5/41	10
Hernando	7/14/41	19
Hillsborough	7/ 8/41	91
Hillsborough	7/21/41	107
Holmes	7/21/41	8
Indian River	7/ 7/41	11
Jackson	7/14/41	8
Jefferson	7/ 7/41	4
Lafayette	7/10/41	1
Lafayette	8/ 1/41	1
Lake	7/14/41	41
Lee	6/ 3/41	11
Lee	6/24/41	11
Leon	7/ 7/41	12
Levy	7/ 7/41	6
Manatee	7/ 7/41	36
Marion	7/ 7/41	32
Martin	6/ 9/41	19
Martin	7/ 7/41	18
Monroe	7/ 8/41	83
Nassau	7/14/41	3
Orange	6/23/41	26
Orange	7/ 7/41	100
Orange	7/14/41	29
Osceola	7/21/41	9
Palm Beach	7/11/41	152
Pasco	7/ 1/41	28
Pinellas	7/22/41	44
Putnam	7/ 5/41	41
Sarasota	7/14/41	21

Santa Rosa	7/ 7/41	9
Seminole	7/11/41	8
St. Johns	7/ 9/41	24
St. Lucie	7/ 7/41	25
Sumter	6/23/41	2
Sumter	7/14/41	15
Taylor	7/11/41	2
Taylor	7/25/41	13
Volusia	7/ 7/41	78
Wakulla	6/21/41	3
Wakulla	6/28/41	6
Wakulla	7/10/41	1
Wakulla	7/29/41	2
Walton	7/ 5/41	3
Walton	7/22/41	6
Washington	6/30/41	27

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted as to each County the bids listed above were accepted and deeds ordered issued to purchasers, subject however to any protested bids filed under protest rule.

Requests were submitted from the State Road Department for Right of Way Easements necessary in connection with State Roads in Bradford, Clay and Polk Counties across land which came to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that right of way easements be executed in favor of the State Road Department covering the following roads:

Bradford County—Road No. 121—Project 5502—SRD No. 64

Clay County—Road No. 48—Project 924 (5541)—SRD No. 34

Polk County—Road No. 2—Project 5022 (1036)—SRD No. 95 Rev.

Request was submitted from First Lieutenant Henry C. Berg, Fourth Corps Area Rents Board, Camp Blanding, for permit to use all the land owned by the State under Chapter 18296 for maneuvers in connection with U. S. Army training at Camp Blanding.

Proposed permit was presented and its terms and conditions discussed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute permit in favor of the United States covering Clay County land, to be used for army maneuvers in connection with Camp Blanding. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the permit ordered issued.

The Trustees deferred action on two special cases pending return of the Governor, request being for reduced minimum bid by the Board of Public Instruction of Polk County and the Hillsborough County School Superintendent.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize a five days minimum period from date of advertisement to date of sale on lands which St. Augustine Port, Waterway and Beach Commission desires to purchase in St. Johns County—in all other respects the sale to be conducted in the regular manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary directed to notify the Clerk of the Circuit Court to accept application from the Commission on the above basis.

Application was presented from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of East Volusia County Anti-Mosquito District, for right of way easement across land in Volusia County which came to the State under Chapter 18296, such right of way being requested for the purpose of cleaning out ditches in connection with the mosquito control program for the town of Edgewater.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize Right of Way Easement as requested by East Volusia County Anti-Mosquito District across certain land in Edgewater, subject to checking and approval by Mr. Elliot of descriptions furnished. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees issued Manatee County Deed No. 71 in favor of M. B. Harrison dated June 24, 1940, containing four parcels of land; that pursuant to action of the Trustees allowing bidders the privilege of accepting or rejecting deeds to property within a municipality or drainage district—occasioned by opinion of the Supreme Court of Florida—Mr. Harrison rejected deed to two parcels contained in Deed No. 71; that recently Mr. Harrison by telephone asked that the Trustees now allow him to take deed to the parcels omitted at his request from former deed upon payment of original bid—$105.00.

Upon discussion it was not deemed necessary to readvertise the lots applied for by Mr. Harrison. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that request of Mr. Harrison be granted and new deed issued conveying the following lots upon receipt of $105.00:

Lots 1 to 20 Inc., Less Lots 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, Block D, H. W. Harrison Sub. Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East	$60.00
Lots 1 to 16 Inc., Less Lots 6 and 15, Block E, H. W. Harrison Sub. Section 14, Township 34 South, Range 17 East	45.00

Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Embry-Riddle Company that the Trustees allow the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County to accept application to purchase approximately 140 acres of land in SE¼ of Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, and limit the period between date of advertisement and date of sale to five days in order to expedite the sale.

Information was furnished that applicants are under contract to the British Government to furnish an airport and other facilities for training British Fliers. The land owned by the State is needed for blocking up areas owned by the Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of Embry-Riddle Company and allow a five-day advertising period on the land to be applied for in Hendry County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees on July 29, having reference to sale of Putnam County land applied for by E. H. Morris and sale protested by T. C. Douglas, he had requested the Clerk to notify him immediately upon receipt of amount necessary to comply with protest rule, upon failure to receive such information deed would be issued to Mr. Morris; that the Clerk did not so notify the Trustees' office but letter was received from Thomas B. Dowda, Attorney for Mr. Douglas, that the two parties had settled their differences and had signed request for deed to be issued to Mr. Morris, that deed had been prepared and was in process of being signed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the report was accepted and action of the Secretary approved.

The Trustees had for consideration the bid of H. T. Cotton for Leon County land on which a bid of $797.50 was originally made.

Upon discussion of the sale, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the highest bid—$797.50 made by H. T. Cotton—and notify Mr. Cotton that a bid of $1500 will be acceptable for the land bid in by him at Leon County sale held April 28, 1941, conveyance to be subject to Easement for right of way in favor of Talquin Electric Cooperative, Inc., authorized by the Trustees March 25, 1941. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $400 made some weeks ago by the City of Palatka to purchase approximately 2850 lots within the City limits, aggregating 520 acres, which amount was offered as a minimum bid for advertising said lots. Report from the Field Agent appraised the real value of the land at $91,825.00 Statement from the Clerk gives City paving liens of approximately $102,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline the offer of $400 as a minimum bid but allow the Clerk to accept application and advertise the lots with a base bid of $2500. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Request having been made by Mr. Thos. B. Dowda, Palatka, Florida, for appraisal by the Trustees' Field Agent of two subdivisions in Putnam County and an expression from the Board as to a base bid for advertising all lots in the subdivisions, Mr. Elliot reported as follows:

1. With reference to St. Johns Manor in Section 29, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, containing 7696 lots, or 1110 acres 7 miles from Palatka, valued at $4452.50;
2. With reference to Merwin Park, located about 5 miles from Palatka, containing 2178 lots, or 385 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow advertisement of the Lots in St. Johns Manor with a minimum bid of $2000.00 and in

Merwin Park a minimum bid of $1250.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary requested to notify the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County to accept applications on such basis.

Mr. Larson brought up the matter of amount paid as salary for the month of July to Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, employed in the office of the Secretary.

The Trustees approved the amount as listed on the payroll for time worked during the month of July, employment being on a temporary basis.

Mr. Watson stated that he desired to find employment for his son for a temporary period and asked if it would be satisfactory to have him assigned to the office of the Secretary beginning August 18 for four weeks at a salary of $75 per month, to be paid from funds under Chapter 18296—the Murphy Act.

To the above the Trustees agreed and the employment of Deane Watson for a period of four weeks at a salary of $75 per month was approved.

The following bill amounting to $46.60 was approved and check ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Millard B. Conklin, Asssitant Attorney General	$46.60

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. TOM WATSON,
Attorney General—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 12, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated August 5, 1941, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, the minutes were approved.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Messrs. J. Mark Wilcox and E. B. Elliott of Miami, Florida, submitted application to purchase a part of Section 31 of Township 45 South, Range 37 East, and the Hiatus immediately South of Section 31, in Palm Beach County, the land to be used for the production of Ramie.

Mr. Wilcox informed the board of the experiment Mr. Elliott had been carrying on the past few years with growing Ramie, the cost of refining and processing the plant, displayed samples of the finished product and explained its many uses. Statement was made that Mr. Elliott's company had perfected machinery for harvesting the stalk and separating it from the fibre and had spent approximately a quarter of a million dollars in demonstrating that Ramie could be produced economically in the Everglades. The Trustees were requested in making a price on these lands to take into consideration that this new industry had been made possible by the experiments of Mr. Elliott and entirely at his company's expense.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that this new industry should be encouraged in every way and suggestions were offered as to a fair price to be placed on the land applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson. that in order to promote the production of Ramie in the Everglades the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agree on a price of $15 an acre for that part of Section 31, Township 45 South, Range 37 East, lying West of North New River Canal, and Lots 5 and 6 of Hiatus between Townships 45 and 46 South, Range 37 East, lying West of the Canal; that upon each one hundred acre tract planted to Ramie the Trustees allow a deduction in price of $5 an acre on that area planted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and purchase contract ordered prepared covering the sale.

It was the action of the Trustees that the proposed sale to Mr. E. B. Elliott in no way fixed or established $15 as the price of land in that vicinity, but concession was made in order to assist in getting this new industry started in the Everglades.

The Secretary reported that at the meeting June 25, offer of $75 an acre was accepted from John L. Patten, represented by Chas. B. Cleveland, for Dade County land, and the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News, issues of July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 3, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, August 12, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in DADE County, Florida:

> Beginning at an Iron Pipe set in the Center Line of Collins Avenue on the North Line of Gulf Stream Park—a subdivision recorded in Plat Book 35 at Page 51 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida,
>
> thence due West along the north line of said Gulf Stream Park subdivision for a distance of 840 feet to a point and the point of beginning of the tract of land herein described;
>
> thence North 8 degrees 30 mins East for a distance of 455 feet to a point;
>
> thence North 81 degrees 30 mins West for a distance of 10 feet to the beginning of a curve;
>
> thence Northerly and Westerly along a curve having a radius of 290 feet through a central angle of 88 degrees: for an Arc distance of 445.51 feet to the end of said curve, the tangent of said curve being at right angles to the last aforesaid course;
>
> thence North 10 degrees 30 mins; East at right angles to the tangent of the last aforesaid curve and along the Radial line of said curve for a distance of 10 feet to a point of reverse curve,
>
> thence Westerly and Northerly along a curve having a radius of 650 feet through a central angle of 56 degrees 15 mins; for an Arc distance of 638.14 feet to the end of said curve;
>
> thence due South for a distance of 1171.85 feet to a point on the prolongation Westerly of the North line of the aforesaid Gulf Stream Park;

thence due East along the prolongation Westerly of the North line of the aforesaid Gulf Stream Park for a distance of 653.54 feet more or less, and lying and being in Dumfoundling Bay, Dade County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections were presented or filed and motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the sale be consummated to John L. Patten at a price of $75 an acre, plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and Numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	Deed Numbers
Alachua	284 to 414 inclusive
Baker	34
Bradford	64 to 69 inclusive
Brevard	314 to 324 inclusive
Broward	1122 to 1130 inclusive
Columbia	199 to 204 inclusive
Gadsden	134 to 141 inclusive
Hardee	83 to 93 inclusive
Hernando	45 to 55 inclusive
Hillsborough	1182 to 1202, 1204 to 1230 inclusive
Holmes	40, 41
Jackson	108 to 114 inclusive
Indian River	210 to 219 inclusive
Lafayette	20 and 21

Leon	109 to 117 inclusive
Levy	84 to 88 inclusive
Monroe	346 to 354 inclusive
Nassau	93 to 96 inclusive
Orange	687 to 711 inclusive
Pasco	383 to 408 inclusive
Sarasota	216 to 230 inclusive
Seminole	216 to 224 inclusive
St. Lucie	239 to 247 inclusive
Sumter	249 to 261 inclusive
Volusia	706
Wakulla	57 to 63 inclusive

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Flager	8/4/41	1
Hamilton	8/4/41	2
Hendry	7/25/41	6
Hernando	7/25/41	15
Hillsborough	8/5/41	31
Holmes	8/4/41	1
Leon	8/4/41	10
Okeechobee	8/6/41	2
Putnam	8/2/41	32
Washington	7/29/41	8

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted as to each County, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject however, to any protested bid filed under the protest rule.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for Right of Way Easement across lands under Chapter 18296 desired in connection with State Road No. 8 Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant Easement for Right of Way across lands in Section 33, Township 30 South, Range 28 East, to be used in connection with

State Road No. 8, Project 605 (5209)—SRD 525.
Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Easement authorized executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

The Secretary presented Special Case of Seminole Heights Methodist Church of Tampa, Florida, requesting that tax certificates under Chapter 18296 against the church property be cancelled under authority of Chapter 20827, Acts of 1941 Legislature, and that deed be executed by the Trustees conveying the land to the Church.

No action was deemed necessary by the Trustees as it was a question of cancellation of certificates, which should come under the jurisdiction of the Comptroller.

The following bills amounting to $77.80 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$14.72
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.98
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	10.00
Wm. T. Hull, C. C. C., Hendry County, LaBelle, Fla.	50.60
TOTAL	$77.80

Upon motion duly adopted the Trusees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 26, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Letter dated July 16, 1941, was presented from the Attorney General enclosing copy of report from Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Miami, to the Governor, outlining services rendered the Trustees in connection with Rorick litigation.

The following items were listed by Mr. Hall as expenses incurred by him on behalf of the Trustees:

Expenses estimated, exclusive railroad fare	$1,250.00
Additional office expense for four month period estimated	500.00
Long distance telephone calls from office	97.70
Long distance telephone calls from New York to Toledo; Baltimore to Toledo; Washington to New York; Baltimore to New York, etc.	19.20
	$1,866.90

The following cities were visited for legal work or conferences—from Miami, Florida—

1 trip to Gainesville, Florida
1 trip to Marianna, Florida
About 15 trips to Tallahassee, Florida
3 trips to Washington, D. C.
1 trip to Baltimore, Maryland
1 trip to New York, N. Y.
2 trips to Toledo, Ohio

Reimbursed by Trustees	500.00
	$1,366.90

Transportation costs excluded from above were paid didirectly by the Trustees through the Comptroller.

Upon discussion of the services rendered by Mr. Hall, the Attorney General stated that he would like to recommend that the Trustees pay Mr. Hall a fee of $10,000.00 and reimburse him for all expenses incurred while on actual official duty for the Trustees, except office expense item of $500.00. The recommendation of the Attorney General was adopted.

Mr. Watson also moved that Mr. Hall be notified that his employment with the Trustees had ceased and request that he render any expense bill against the Trustees which had not been presented.

The Governor stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Hall's fee included services for winding up and dismissing all suits in which the Trustees were interested, including those before Judges Chillingworth, Long and Holland, in connection with the Rorick settlement. The other members were in accord with the Governor's opinion.

Motion was then made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the payment of $10,000.00 to Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Miami, Florida, as his fee for all services rendered on behalf of the Trustees in connection with the Rorick litigation, and that Mr. Hall be requested to furnish the Trustees with an itemized statement of expenses. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Governor suggested that the matter of expense statement be taken up with Mr. Hall by the Attorney General, which was agreed to.

The Attorney General reported that several bond holders had not accepted settlement as outlined for Everglades Drainage District bonds and had instituted suits in connection with bankruptcy proceedings; that the Trustees interest should be protected in this litigation and recommended that the Attorney General's office be authorized to represent the board in any such cases without further expense to the Trustees in the way of outside legal assistance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Attorney General's Office be authorized to represent the Trustees in any litigation in connection with the Everglades bonds and refinancing of the district, in accordance with the Attorney General's suggestion, in order to protect the State's interest. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that the moneys now deposited and cleared indicated that $60,000.00 was available for transfer to General Revenue Fund from funds derived from sale of lands under Chapter 18296, the Murphy Act.

The Trustees directed that check be drawn in favor of the State Treasurer making transfer of such moneys as could be made available to General Revenue from funds under Chapter 18296.

Mr. Mayo reported that he had request from Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, Tampa, that no definite action be taken on oil leases covering State land along the coast until his clients could be heard.

Action was that no definite commitments having yet been made, the present applicants having priority only in date of application as to certain areas, the matter was open for consideration of other applications and therefore Mr. Carlton's clients would have opportunity to be heard.

The following bills amounting to $11,483.52 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer—August salary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—August salary	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—August salary	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—August salary	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—August salary	200.00
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.—Expense account	123.02
J. M. Lee, Comptroller, State of Florida—Transportation expense M. Lewis Hall	36.35
The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Fla.	31.90
Miami Daily News, Inc., Miami, Fla.	17.25
Lewis M. Hall, Miami, Fla.—Fee for services	10,000.00
	$11,483.52

The following bills under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, amounting to $61,535.66 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

PAYROLL FOR AUGUST 1941

George F. Sampson, Clerk	$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
R. F. Vason, Clerk	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Deane C. Watson, Verifier—14 days at $75 per mo.	33.87

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

William T. Hull, Clerk Hendry County, LaBelle, Fla.	36.80
R. E. Hensley, Tallahassee, Fla—Expense account	4.75
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.30
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	44.49
Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
George Cochran, Tallahassee, Fla.	5.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	133.20
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	29.00
Millard B. Conklin, Asst. Atty. General	46.45
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—Transfer to General Revenue	60,000.00
	$61,535.66

The following refund checks were issued during August 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

B. R. Burnsed c/o C. W. Klein, Jr., C. C. C. Baker County Macclenny, Florida	$ 50.00
R. M. Hoyt c/o L. T. Ivey, C. C. C. Clay County Green Cove Springs, Florida	606.00
Miss Ruby Diamond c/o Paul V. Lang, C. C. C. Leon County Tallahassee, Florida	22.50
Clara Mae Knight c/o A. J. Thomas, C. C. C. Bradford County Starke, Florida	17.50
M. B. Coarsey c/o Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	8.75
B. H. Kennedy c/o Leron W. Rice, C. C. C. Okaloosa County Crestview, Florida	14.87

W. T. Head c/o Leron W. Rice, C. C. C. Okaloosa, County Crestview, Florida	35.00
J. N. MacFeeley c/o Leron W. Rice, C. C. C. Okaloosa County Crestview, Florida	5.00
Ezra Baggett c/o Leron W. Rice, C. C. C. Okaloosa County Crestview, Florida	13.32
TOTAL	$772.94

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 10, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board; that the following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	8/7/41	1
Baker	8/11/41	1
Bay	8/4/41	3

Brevard	8/12/41	23
Charlotte	8/11/41	5
Citrus	8/5/41	20
Columbia	8/18/41	8
Dade	7/23/41	44
Dade	8/6/41	50
Dade	8/11/41	50
DeSoto	8/18/41	2
Duval	7/23/41	103
Franklin	8/4/41	2
Hardee	8/4/41	30
Hendry	8/13/41	1
Hernando	8/8/41	8
Hernando	8/18/41	9
Hillsborough	8/18/41	64
Indian River	8/4/41	13
Jackson	8/11/41	5
Jackson	8/18/41	1
Jackson	8/25/41	6
Jefferson	8/11/41	3
Lake	8/11/41	41
Lee	7/28/41	21
Lee	8/4/41	16
Levy	8/11/41	3
Madison	7/14/41	2
Manatee	8/4/41	20
Marion	8/4/41	17
Okeechobee	8/15/41	6
Orange	8/4/41	21
Pasco	8/5/41	13
Polk	6/30/41	75
Sarasota	8/11/41	30
Seminole	8/7/41	27
St. Johns	8/13/41	13
St. Lucie	8/4/41	10
Suwannee	8/4/41	6
Taylor	8/8/41	3
Volusia	8/4/41	33
Wakulla	8/9/41	2
Wakulla	8/16/41	1
Walton	8/11/41	2
Washington	8/5/41	4

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each county, the bids listed above were accepted and deeds were ordered issued to purchasers, subject, however, to any protested bid filed under protest rule.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	Deed Numbers
Alachua	415, 416
Baker	35 and 36
Bay	80-Cor., 135 to 141 inc.
Bradford	54-Cor., Q. C. 48
Broward	1131 to 1167 inc.
Charlotte	60 to 69 inc.
Clay	63-Cor.,
Columbia	136-Cor., 205 to 211 inc.
Dade	1259 to 1348, 1350 to 1381 inc.
DeSoto	89 to 90 inc.
Dixie	36
Duval	962 to 1114 inc. 890-Cor.
Escambia	67 to 84 inc.
Flagler	18
Franklin	33, 34, 35
Hamilton	58, 59
Hardee	94 to 105 inc.
Hendry	12 to 15 inc.
Hernando	56 to 61 inc.
Hillsborough	1071, 1231 to 1273 inc. 1274 to 1310 inc.
Holmes	42
Indian River	220 to 224 inc.
Jackson	115 to 126 inc.
Jefferson	50 to 52 inc.
Lake	343 to 407 inc.
Lee	316 to 350 inc.
Leon	118 to 126 inc.
Madison	7-Cor.
Manatee	282 to 297 inc.
Marion	208 to 232 inc.
Martin	155 to 174 inc.
Okaloosa	7 to 10, 12 to 14 inc.
Okeechobee	25, 26, 27 to 32 inc.
Orange	712 to 723 inc.
Palm Beach	1061 to 1165 inc.
Pasco	409 to 421 inc.

Pinellas	1334 to 1370 inc.
Polk	448 and 614, 504—Duplicate 737 to 787 inc.
Putnam	472 to 495 inc. 496 to 520 inc.
Sarasota	231 to 249 inc.
Seminole	225 to 239 inc.
St. Johns	210 to 238 inc.
St. Lucie	248 to 253 inc.
Suwannee	109 to 116 inc.
Taylor	82 to 85 inc. 86 to 94 inc.
Volusia	490, 690-Cor., 707 to 780 inc.
Wakulla	64 to 68 inc.
Walton	63 to 68 inc.
Washington	64 to 72 inc.

Upon separate motions being made, duly seconded and adopted as to each County, the deeds listed above were approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof.

Financial Statement for the month of August is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST 1941

CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS

Various Land Sales	$ 4,493.88
Farm Lease	457.88
Sand, Shell and Gravel Lease	2,383.24
Grazing Lease	137.10
Mineral Lease	101.25
Timber Lease	39.61
Fishing Campsite	18.75
Rock Lease	37.50
Sawgrass	51.77
Store Site	75.00
Pay for Advertising	21.00
Advt. Cost in Connection with Sale of Island (Cert. No. 18629)	11.25
Reimbursement a/c Expenses in Foreclosure of Mortgage No. 17353	137.85

Land Sale—Sarasota Co. Chapter 14572	70.00	
Total Receipts during August 1941	$ 8,036.08	
Balance on hand as of August 1, 1941	198,438.87	
	$206,474.95	
Disbursements during August 1941	12,354.39	
Balance on hand as of August 31, 1941		$194,120.56

BALANCE IN BANKS AS OF AUGUST 31, 1941

Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonsonville, Jacksonville, Florida	$163,298.30	
Florida National Bank of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida	17,821.31	
Capital Ctiy Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	13,000.95	
Total		$194,120.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Aug. 5,	12007	Millard B. Conklin	$ 67.65
	12008	J. A. Arnette, C. C. C.	711.67
	12009	W. B. Granger	13.05
	12010	The Evening Independent	29.25
	12011	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	11.25
	12012	Miami Daily News	21.00
	12013	News Tribune, Inc.	11.50
	12014	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
30,	12015	S. S. Savage	123.02
	12016	J. M. Lee, Compt.	36.35
	12017	The Florida Times Union	31.90
	12018	Miami Daily News	17.25
	12019	Lewis M. Hall	10,000.00
	12020	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	12021	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	12022	M. O. Barco	175.00
	12023	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	12024	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	12025	S. S. Savage	200.00
		Total Disbursements for August 1941	$12,354.39

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 1941

CHAPTER 18296

Balance on hand as of August 1, 1941	$22,887.96	
Total Land Sales during August 1941	66,757.24	
	$89,645.20	
Disbursements during August 1941	62,433.00	
Balance on hand August 31, 1941		$27,212.20

BALANCE IN BANKS AS OF AUGUST 31, 1941

Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 2,810.35	
Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida	24,401.85	
Total in Banks August 31, 1941		$27,212.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	No.	In Favor of	Amount
Aug. 5,	1714	Millard B. Conklin	$ 46.60
13,	1715	B. R. Burnsed	50.00
	1717	Miss Ruby Diamond	22.50
	1718	Western Union Telegraph Co.	14.72
	1719	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.98
	1720	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	1.50
	1721	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	10.00
	1722	Wm. T. Hull C. C. C.	50.60
30,	1724	George F. Sampson	250.00
13,	1723	R. M. Hoyt	606.00
30,	1725	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	1726	Helen Phillips	125.00
	1727	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	1728	R. F. Vason	125.00
	1729	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	1730	M. O. Barco	25.00
	1731	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	1732	Robert Hensley	85.00
	1733	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	1734	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield	100.00
	1735	Deane C. Watson	33.87
	1736	William T. Hull, C. C. C.	38.60

1737	R. E. Hensley	4.75
1738	Capital Office Equipment Co.	.30
1739	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	44.49
1740	Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
1741	Geo. Cochran	5.00
1742	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	133.20
1743	Jame A. Ellis Co	29.00
1744	Millard B. Conklin	46.45
1745	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas.	60,000.00
1746	Clara Mae Knight	17.50
1747	M. R. Coarsey	8.75
1748	B. H. Kennedy	14.87
1749	W. T. Head	35.00
1750	J. N. McFeeley	5.00
1751	Ezra Baggett	13.32

Total disbursements during August 1941 .... $62,433.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 23, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Committee appointed July 29th, 1941, to work out a form of exploration contract and oil lease, stated they were ready to make report. Appearing before the board were the following:

Judge Rivers Buford
A. E. Freel
W. G. Blanchard
J. Ray Arnold
Wm. H. Jackson

Mr. Watson advised that the exploration contracts and leases had been prepared and were at this time being tendered to the Trustees for approval. That the contract and lease as drawn had the approval of the Committee composed of Messrs. Larson and Watson and was recommended to the board.

Mr. Mayo brought up the request from former Governor Doyle E. Carlton for hearing before definite action was taken. Mr. Watson stated that the last communication from Governor Carlton was to the effect that he was more interested in State lands, and in view of the fact that these contracts covered water areas and not land, he did not feel that he had any further interest in these areas.

Other points discussed were:

1. Change in areas to be covered by drilling blocks. It was decided that areas along the Gulf Coast would be confined to not more than 32 miles, while the inland bays and streams were to be in blocks of 100,000 acres.

2. Question was raised by the Governor as to whether or not any of the applications would affect bottoms on the Atlantic Seaboard and when advised that it would, the Trustees agreed to limit the area on the Atlantic Ocean to the Northern limits of Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that upon the necessary changes being made as agreed upon, the contracts be executed. Motion unanimously adopted and so ordered.

Captain F. M. Hendry, and attorney, Mr. Harold C. Farnsworth, of Tampa, Florida, appeared before a joint meeting of the Trustees and the State Board of Education and made an offer of $1.50 an acre for 2055.56 acres of swamp land in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, and Five cents (5c) an acre for 5613 acres of submerged land in same township and range, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $1.50 an acre for the swamp land in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, but decline offer of Five Cents an acre for the submerged areas. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Adair, Kent, Ashby & McNatt, Attorneys of Jacksonville, for permit on behalf of Miami Corporation to take sixty thousand (60,000) yards of fill material from 5.38 acres of water bottoms in Biscayne Bay, located approximately nine (9) miles South of Miami in Dade County. Offer of One Cent (1c) per cubic yard or $600 was made for the material to be used for filling property owned by Miami Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees issue permit in favor of Miami Corporation for taking 60,000 yards of fill material from the water bottoms in Biscayne Bay, as described in application, upon payment of one cent (1c) per cubic yard. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 24, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Secretary called to the attention of the Trustees the manner in which disbursements have heretofore been made against the Internal Improvement Fund and submitted an opinion of the Attorney General in which the State Treasurer was advised that disbursements against the Trustees' fund should be made through the Comptroller's office on warrants signed by the Governor and counter-signed by the Comptroller.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the rule adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund January 20, 1855, as such rule relates to the disbursement of Trustees' funds, be discontinued and beginning this date all funds of said Trustees are to be disbursed through Comptroller's warrant against funds of the Internal Improvement Fund held by the State Treasurer in like manner as other State funds are disbursed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered that the action of the board apply to Trustees' funds under Chapter 18296 as well as Trustees' funds under Chapter 610.

Mr. Elliot reported that request had been made by Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Miami, that reference in the Minutes to his services on behalf of the Trustees in connection with Rorick litigation state "services in connection with Rorick litigation" and eliminate any reference to refinancing of Everglades Bonds.

The Minutes referred to by Mr. Hall not having been approved by the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Secretary omit from the Minutes any reference to "refinancing Everglades Drainage District bonds" as applying to services of Mr. Hall on behalf of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Minutes of August 12th, 26th and September 10th, 1941, were presented and upon motion seconded and carried the Minutes were adopted subject to the change referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

Discussion was had with reference to areas to be included in exploration contracts considered at the Trustees' meeting September 23, and the following was agreed upon:

1. Areas to be covered by contracts and leases to be water areas and not land areas.
2. No areas to be included beyond the north line of Monroe County, on the Atlantic side.
3. Only the Western areas to include lakes such as Dead Lakes and Lake Wimico and certain rivers, to be indicated by names, draining directly into the Gulf. Such inland lakes as Okeechobee, Istokpoga, Weir and others not be included.

The Attorney General stated that the exploration contract and leases were now being prepared but before completion the descriptions would be checked with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless and a copy of each description furnished each member of the board for examination before instruments presents for execution.

Mr. Mayo reported that W. G. Blanchard has a credit with the Trustees amounting to $30.90, and one with the State Board of Education in the amount of $1046.26, which he understands Mr. Blanchard contemplates applying to payment of exploration contract.

It was agreed that this would be satisfactory provided the Trustees and the State Board of Education could work out conditions of the respective credits.

Consideration was given to sale of Sarasota County land applied for June 25, by J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, on behalf of Elmer Whittle of Sarasota. A price of $50 an acre was agreed upon for sale of the land, plus advertising costs, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald Tribune July 29, August 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1941:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 8, 1941

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, September 2, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged or partly submerged land in SARASOTA County, Florida:

PARCEL No. 1

Commence at the Northeast corner of Fractional Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East;

Thence South along the East boundary of said Section 20 chains;

Thence West 6.725 chains to a point in the United States Government Meander of said Section, which said point is the point of beginning and the Norteast corner of the parcel hereinafter described. From the point of beginning

Thence South 15° East along the Government Meander of said Section 24, a distance of 692.21 feet to the Southeast corner of said parcel;

Thence West 979.18 feet to the Southwest corner of said parcel;

Thence North 12° East 685.22 feet to the Northwest corner of said parcel;

Thence East 660 feet to the Northeast corner of said parcel, the point of beginning. Containing 12.61 acres, more or less. The North boundary of said parcel is in prolongation westward of the North boundary of that part of Central Broadway S/D in Government Lot 1 as per Plat Book 2, Page 17, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

PARCEL No. 2

Commence at the Northeast corner of Fractional Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East,

Thence South along the East boundary of said Section, 36 chains;

Thence West 2.505 chains to a point in the U. S. Government Meander of said Section, which said point is the point of beginning and the Southeast corner of said parcel. From said point of beginning,

Thence North 15° West along the Government Meander of said Section 24, 398.90 feet to the North corner of said parcel;

Thence South 386.25 feet to the Southwest corner of said parcel;

Thence East 101.87 feet to the Southeast corner of said parcel, the point of beginning. Containing 0.46 acres, more or less. The South boundary of said parcel is in prolongation westward of the South boundary of that part of Central Broadway S/D in Government Lot 1 as per Plat Book 2, Page 17, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

PARCEL No. 3

Commence at the Northeast corner of Fractional Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East,

Thence South along the East boundary of said Section, 36 chains;

Thence West 2.505 chains to a point in the U. S. Government Meander of said Section;

Thence continuing West 101.87 feet to the point of beginning and the southeast corner of said parcel;

> Thence continuing West 218 feet to the Southwest corner of said parcel;
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> Thence North 86.25 feet to the Northwest corner of said parcel;
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> Thence East 218 feet to the Northeast corner of said parcel;
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> Thence South 86.25 feet to the Southeast corner of said parcel, the point of beginning. Containing 0.43 acres, more or less. The South boundary of said parcel is in prolongation westward of the South boundary of that part of Central Broadway S/D in Government Lot 1 as Per Plat Book 2, Page 17, Public Records of Sarasota County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

The Land Clerk reported that objections had been filed to the sale of land by the following parties:

> Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of W. B. Hamilton, and Clyde H. Wilson, for himself, protest on the ground that they are the owners of property in Broadway S/D and that their riparian rights will be impaired by sale of the property; that the Trustees are not authorized to convey and that a portion of the land has been dedicated as City streets in the town of Sarasota.

Mr. Keen stated that with reference to the protests filed he was of the opinion that the Trustees had ample authority to sell the land; that if purchase of the land had actually been made according to the plat there would be no riparian rights and the land does not border on the water, and with reference to platted City streets, if sale is approved to Mr. Whittle, deed will be executed in favor of the City of Sarasota to any streets.

Upon consideration of the protests, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the protests of Messrs. Clyde H. Wilson and Doyle E. Carlton, be overruled and that sale be consummated to Elmer Whittle upon payment of $50 an acre, plus cost of advertising, conditioned that the proper instrument dedicating city streets and right of ways be delivered to the City simultaneously with delivery of deed to Mr. Whittle. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $150 an acre from W. Gerry Miller, Fort Lauderdale, for the purchase of 16.61 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property of client in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to accept offer of $150 an acre from W. Gerry Miller for the parcel of land in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 41 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Request was presented from Archie Harris, Pahokee, Florida, on behalf of W. A. Keen, with offer of $10 for quit claim of reservations in Trustees' Deeds 18160 and 18161 affecting the Southwesterly 50 feet of Lots 2 and 2A in Section 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees authorized release of statutory reservations as requested by Mr. Harris upon payment of $10. It was so ordered that quit claim deed be executed.

Offer of $2 an acre was presented from Luther Lowe of Okeechobee for marsh land in Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, on the West side of Kissimmee River, Highlands County, and containing 360.25 acres. Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Savage's appraisal on the land was $5 an acre for 249.80 acres and $2.50 an acre for the remaining 110.25 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of Mr. Lowe for the Highlands County land applied for but that counter proposal be made to accept price placed on the land by the Trustees' Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Robert E. Lines, on behalf of the United States, Department of Interior, Wild Life Service, offering $2 an acre for 4,253.38 acres of marsh land in Citrus and Hernando Counties, to be included in the proposed Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land desired for Wildlife Refuge is located about six or eight miles southwest of Homosassa and a portion of the area is now leased to Possum Trading Company of Atlanta, Georgia, and also that there was considerable objection to this area being sold or leased. Based on such protests, recommendation of the Land Clerk was that the land be not sold and that lease be not renewed at its expiration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from the U. S. Department of the Interior. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Offer of $2 an acre was presented from Sid Larkin, Dade City, for the NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, Sumter County, the land being of the character of sawgrass marsh.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to accept offer of $2 an acre from Sid Larkin for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees on July 29, requested Mr. F. C. Elliot and Mr. F. E. Bayless to make investigation and report their recommendations with reference to request from United States Sugar Company for exchange of lands as between the Company and the Trustees. The following report was submitted by Messrs. Elliot and Bayless:

August 19, 1941.

TO:

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,
Tallahassee, Florida.

In connection with the exchange of properties by the Trustees and the State Board of Education with the United States Sugar Corporation your committee is of the opinion that the area offered by said company in exchange for State owned property is in a locality that does not have any prospects for development in the immediate future.

Whereas, the land owned by the State and desired by the Sugar Company is in an area that is now being opened for development.

It is, therefore, felt that to make the exchange as desired by said company would be a liability on the Trustees, and it is recommended that the proposal be denied.

Your committee further feels that if the Sugar Company feels that the area desired is of vital importance to their program, they should make their best offer for an outright purchase, so that same can be considered by the Trustees.

Respectfully Submitted,

F. C. ELLIOT.
F. ELGIN BAYLESS.

Upon consideration of the report motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to make exchange of the lands as requested by United States Sugar Company, but that offer to purchase the land would be given consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted. The Land Clerk was requested to notify A. R. Richardson and Luther Jones of action taken.

Application was submitted from Julius F. Stone, Jr., Key West, for a strip of sovereignty land 400 feet wide by 800 feet long on the North side and 3000 feet long on the South side of Jew Fish Creek, located East of Florida East Coast Railway Right of Way in Section 36, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County. Offer of $5 an acre was made for the strip.

The Trustees were of the opinion that pending location of the Overseas Highway, lands in that locality should not be disposed of. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Stone for the sovereignty land in Section 36, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from George A. Speer, Jr., Sanford, on behalf of C. S. Lee. offering $1160 cash for:

SE¼ of Section 12, Township 21 South, Range 32 East;

SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 30, Township 21 South, Range 33 East;
N½ of NE¼ of Section 31, Township 21 South, Range 33 East;
NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 32, Township 21 South, Range 33 East;
NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 33, Township 21 South, Range 33 East;

Seminole County, Florida.

The Trustees' Field Agent having appraised the land and timber at a price in excess of the bid submitted motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer from Mr. Speer be declined, but that counter proposal be made to sell the land and timber at a price of $1500 cash. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered that counter proposal be made to applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees postpone action on application from Kenyon Riddle, West Palm Beach, offering $150 an acre for approximately 7 acres of marginal land on Lake Osborne, lying adjacent to Lot 2, Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, owned by his client. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that investigation be made by the Field Agent and report submitted to the Trustees before taking action.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline offer of $1.25 an acre from A. E. Morgan, Tax Assessor of Taylor County, for the NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 8 East, Taylor County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented proposed lease prepared by the Attorney General in favor of the State Armory Board, leasing certain lands in Clay County for military purposes.

Upon discussion of the proposed lease and a similar instrument covering lands which came to the State under Chapter 18296, the question was raised as to whether or not a legislative act had any bearing on the land covered by such leases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to refer the matter to the Attorney General for investigation on the question raised. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Town of Pahokee, represented by Thad Whidden, City Attorney, for purchase of Lot "E" of Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, containing 0.21 acres in Palm Beach County, with an offer of $25 for the Lot. Information was that the City owned the adjacent property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $25 from the City of Pahokee for Lot "E" as above described, conditioned that the deed include reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes. Motion was duly adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from R. L. Stokes of Sebring, Florida, that the Trustees grant ten year extension on Grazing Lease No. 18352 covering land located on the north side of Lake Istokpoga, executed in favor of H. O. Sebring and subsequently assigned to Mr. Stokes. Mr. Bayless reported that the present lease would not expire for six years yet.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that request for extension of lease No. 18362 be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered that lease be not renewed.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, the Trustees declined offer of $25 an acre submitted by A. T. McKay of Orlando, on behalf of E. N. Ivey, for purchase of 1.21 acres of marginal land on Lake Conway, Orange County. Information from the land office was that some two years ago the Trustees agreed to sell this parcel to Mr. Ivey at a price of $100 an acre, but sale was not made.

Application was presented from A. J. Thomas, Orlando, Florida, offering $10 for approximately one-half acre of marginal land lying between his upland property and the waters of Lake Conway in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $10 for the marginal land on Lake Conway. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline offer of $20 for approximately 0.77 of an acre of marginal land lying between property of C. D. Blount, Orlando, Florida, and the waters of Lake Conway, Orange County. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. It was so ordered that the offer be declined.

Request was presented from Loftin, Calkins, Anderson & Scott, Attorneys of Miami, Florida, representing client—Hector Supply Company, for release of canal reservations contained in Deeds Nos. 16187 and 16187 "A." Mr. Bayless stated that the Trustees previously released reservation in Deed No. 16187 but no release was made to cover reservation in Corrective Deed No. 16187 "A."

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute release of canal reservations contained in the two deeds above enumerated. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Offer of $35 an acre was presented from B. C. Achemire, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, for purchase of Tract 29, Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 14.5 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the Trustees withhold action on offer from Mr. Achemire pending investigation of the land and report as to its value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $1 an acre from R. L. Newman of Miami Beach, for 924.14 acres of land on Sanibel Island in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Lee County. Motion duly adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline the following offers:

> $12.50 an acre from Arthur Treister, Miami Beach, Florida, for purchase of Lot 1, Tier 18, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, located in the Davie section West of Fort Lauderdale.
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> $500 from Victor M. Carter of New York City for 160 acres of land in Section 8, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, located six miles East of Homestead.
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> $1.25 an acre from Carroll W. Fussell of Bushnell, Florida, for 160 acres of land in Section 9

and 80 acres in Section 26, Township 18 South, Range 21 East, Sumter County. (Appraisal by the Field Agent was $2 an acre for land and $92 for timber.)

Mr. Larson seconded the motion made by Mr. Mayo and upon vote same was adopted, and the offers were declined.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for Right of Way Easement across sovereignty land in Sections 13 and 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, Lee County, desired in connection with Pine Island road.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees grant Right of Way Easement in favor of the State Road Department across the lands described for use in connection with State Road No. 183—Project 1123 (5003)—SRD 145. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted. It was therefore ordered that the Easement be executed.

Request was presented from United States Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida, for deed to 96.26 acres of sovereignty land lying South of Ward's Bank Training Wall, at the head of Ribault Bay, Duval County.

Mr. Bayless stated that the area had been reclaimed by the Government, was desired in connection with the Naval Air Station, and conveyance was asked without payment except for advertising costs which the Government would pay.

Discussion was had as to authority of the Trustees for conveying sovereignty land without consideration and also as to the necessity of advertising for objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to the Trustees' authority to convey the land without compensation and also as to whether it will be necessary to advertise. Motion seconded and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Clyde Simmons, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardee County, representing George Marsh, offering $30 for deed to the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County. Information was that Mr. Marsh had acquired tax deed to this property many years ago and the Clerk recommends that the offer be accepted.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land is at present under lease with payments of $50 annually; also the Field Agent appraised the land at a higher value than the offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the offer of $30 from Mr. Marsh be declined. Seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote the motion was duly adopted.

Offer of twelve cents (12c) an acre annually was presented from J. L. Morgan, Okeechobee, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on all Fractional Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, lying East of Hancock Meander Line and containing 335 acres. Request was also made for privilege of renewal at a price to be agreed upon, and refusal of purchase in the event the land is offered for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees decline offer of 12 cents an acre annually for grazing lease on land applied for by Mr. Morgan, but that lease be granted upon payment of 25 cents an acre annually, Mr. Morgan to have refusal to purchase in the event of sale. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Downing-Stewart Company of Sarasota, Florida, made an offer of $100 for timber on Lot 1, Section 11, Township 40 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that lease be issued to Downing-Stewart Company upon payment of $100 for taking timber from Lot 1, as above described, according to standard size 10 inches in diameter twelve inches from the ground. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $75 an acre was submitted from George S. Brockway, West Palm Beach, representing L. D. Simon, for the purchase of four small tracts of marginal land aggregating 1.08 acres, lying East of Florida East Coast Right of Way in Section 33, Township 41 South, Range 37, Palm Beach County. Mr. Brockway explained that this parcel was shown on a plat as being part of a former purchase, but it has developed that the strip was excluded and application is now made to purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees sell the small tract above described to L. D. Simon at a price of $75 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Application was submitted from A. D. Barnes, Park Superintendent, accompanied by check in amount of $151.00 requesting conveyance to the County of 60.4 acres of land in Sections 5 and 8, Township 55 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, as covered by Chapter 21169, Acts of 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $151.00 and execute deed in favor of Dade County, conveying the tract of land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted. It was so ordered that deed be executed and delivered.

Mr. Bayless presented the following proposal submitted by Mrs. H. H. Wedgworth of Belle Glade, Florida:

> Offer of $7200 cash for satisfaction of Purchase Contract No. 18413 entered into by her husband in 1937 for the purchase of 122.77 acres of land in Palm Beach County at a price of $60 an acre. Cash payment of $481.38 was made and shortly thereafter Mr. Wedgworth died. No further payments made on the land. The widow asks that a portion of the interest be waived and she be allowed to close out the contract at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $7200 from Mrs. Wedgworth in full settlement of Contract No. 18413. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mrs. Wedgworth was given thirty (30) days within which to close the transaction.

Application was submitted from M. A. Smith making the following offer for all State lands in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13 in Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County; aggregating 3,902.21 acres according to the last survey:

> $7.50 an acre for all lands lying on the East side of the Government Dike;
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> $5.00 an acre for all lands lying west of the Government Dike, between the Dike and the Kissimmee River.

Upon information from Mr. Bayless that these lands are under lease at the present time, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees give the customary notice to lessee of the offer made for the land and also give notice to the public of the Trustees' willingness to sell the State's ownership in the above enumerated sections. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk was requested to give the necessary notices.

Offer of $455 was presented from F. H. Fissell of Branford, Florida, for crosstie timber on Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees accept the offer of $455 from Mr. Fissell for the crosstie timber on the State land above described. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that Comptroller J. M. Lee had furnished information as to trespass on State land in Hernando County, and upon request of the Comptroller Mr. Savage had been sent to investigate said trespass; that the Field Agent had reported that H. S. Simmons and R. B. Brown had cut approximately 4011 feet of timber from the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 26, Township 22 South, Range 20 East, Hernando County, owned by the State, and the matter was being presented for the Trustees to decide on amount to be paid for such trespass.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees require payment of $50 from trespassers on State land in Hernando County. Seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote the motion was adopted. It was so ordered that the Land Clerk notify Messrs. Simmons and Brown to make payment in accordance with action taken.

Mr. Watson reported to the board that Mr. Charles Mitchell, Mayor of Vero Beach, had taken up with him the reversion clause in Deed No. 18621 from the State to the City of Vero Beach, which is holding up development of the parcel and requested that such clause be released. His information was that the City has no money to improve the property but can make arrangements with an individual to make the necessary improvements conditioned that the City deed him part of the tract; that the reversion clause specifies that the land be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Bayless furnished information that the sale was made at a reduced price conditioned that the land be used for public purposes of the City of Vero Beach.

Upon discussion as to a reasonable price to place on the land without reversion clause, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the request of the City of Vero Beach for release of the reversion clause in Deed No. 18621 be granted upon payment by the City of an additional $7.50 an acre for the land covered by such deed. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote duly adopted.

The Trustees on August 5, 1941, agreed to sell Bessemer Properties, represented by Jas. F. Riley, two parcels of land in Palm Beach County at a price of $100 an acre, plus cost of advertising; also agreed to sell South Lake Worth Inlet District, represented by Russell O. Morrow, 15 acres of land in Palm Beach County at a price of $10 an acre, plus cost of advertising.

Pursuant to the above action the lands were ordered advertised as required by law and the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Florida, on August 16, 23, 30 and September 6, 13, 1941.

Tallahassee, Florida, August 14, 1941

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, September 16, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following submerged and partly submerged lands in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

No. 1

All of the sovereignty or reclaimed land in the S½ of Section 28, Township 46 South, Range 43 East, lying between the easterly right of way line of the Florida East Coast Canal and the Government Meander Line, East of the (so-called) Boca Raton Lagoon, excepting therefrom 100 foot right of way for the State Road No. 140, Palm Beach, County, Florida

ALSO

No. 2

Beginning at a point on the South line of Section 29, Township 47 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, Florida, said point being at a distance of 198 feet North 89° 57′ 20″ West, from the southeast corner of said Section 29 (Note: For convenience, the bearing of the South line of said Section 29 is assummed to be North 89° 57′ 20″ West, and all other bearings used in this description are relative thereto);

Thence North 50° 57′ West 140 feet;

Thence North 8° 05″ West 105 feet;

Thence North 22° 06′ East 96 feet;

Thence North 1° 10′ 15″ East, 2,349.6 feet to a point in the East and West quarter section line in said Section 29;

Thence East 149.37 feet to the quarter section corner;

Thence East along the quarter section line in Section 28 of said township and range, 103.11 feet to a point in the Government Meander of Lake Boca Raton in said Section 28;

Thence South 26° 0′ West along said meander line, 220.17 feet;

Thence South 12° 38′ 30″ West, along the original shore line of Lake Boca Raton, 99.56 feet;

Thence South 4° 0′ West along said shore line, 175 feet;

Thence South 7° 0′ East along said shore line, 560 feet;

Thence South 9° 15′ West along said shore line, 416 feet;

Thence South 1° 20′ East, along said shore line, 433 feet;

Thence South 19° 30′ West, along said shore line, 367.27 feet to its intersection with the government meander in said Section 29;

Thence South 5° 45′ East, along said Government meander line, 413.04 feet to the point of beginning, less that part of the hereinbefore described tract which has been conveyed to the State of Florida for right of way of State Road No. 140, said tract containing, after deducting said right of way, approximately 5.3 acres.

AND

Beginning at a point on the East shore of Lake Worth in Government Lot 4 of Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, which is 617 feet

North, measured at right angles to the South line of said Section 15;

Thence running West on a line which makes an angle of 90° with the Ocean Boulevard or County Road, a distance of 1675 feet;

Thence North at an angle of 90° to said line, a distance of 400 feet;

Thence East at an angle of 90°, a distance of 1700 feet, more or less, to the Northwest corner of the property now owned by the South Lake Worth Inlet District;

Thence South a distance of 400 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning; the same being a strip of land 400 feet in width and 1700 feet in length, more or less, and containing 15 acres; said lands abutting and lying immediately West of lands now owned by South Lake Worth Inlet District.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

Information was given that no objections had been filed or submitted to either of the sales. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve sales in favor of Bessemer Properties to the first two parcels of land described in Notice, and to the South Lake Worth Inlet District the third parcel of land described in the notice at the prices agreed upon August 5, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered that sales be consummated.

At the meeting of the Trustees June 25, 1941, the Trustees accepted offer of $100 an acre from Wm. T. Edwards for land in Duval County, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law; applicant to pay cost of publishing notice.

Pursuant to action taken at the June 25 meeting, the following Notice was published in the Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Florida, on July 16, 23, 30, and August 6 and 13, 1941:

Tallahassee, Florida, July 14, 1941

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, August 19, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in DUVAL County, Florida:

> Commencing at the intersection of line dividing George Atkinson Grant, Section 58, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, and Section 29, with the southwesterly line of R. Hutchinson Grant, Section 57, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, Duval County, Florida;
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> Thence, South 45° East, 5,033 feet to a point on dividing line between Sections 57 and 58;
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> Thence, South 45° West, 976 feet to a point;
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> Thence, South 45° East, 259.2 feet to a point for a place of beginning;
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> Thence, South 45° East, 106 feet to a point;
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> Thence, South 45° West, 150 feet to a point;
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> Thence, North 45° West, 52 feet to a point in the present shore line of St. Johns River;
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> Thence, Northeasterly, following the present shore line, 158 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, containing 0.27 acres, more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary.

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that sale to William T. Edwards be approved at a price of $100 an acre, plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that sale be consummated.

Request was submitted from A. A. Poston, County Commissioner of Palm Beach County, for conveyance of submerged land adjacent to the towns of Lake Park and Riviera as provided under an Act of the 1941 Legislature.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer action on this matter until such time as Mr. Poston could be present and discuss terms with the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented petition filed by property owners of Sarasota, represented by Paul M. Souder, requesting that the Trustees join in asking the Board of County Commissioners to vacate and abolish an alleyway running through the middle of Block 51, Revised Siesta, a subdivision of Sarasota County, the Trustees being owners of lots abutting on the alleyway. It was stated that the entire block would be improved and the value enhanced by closing the alley.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees join with the property owners in executing the proper instruments to abolish the alleyway. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Letter was presented from Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director National Park Service, requesting conveyance by the Trustees of all State land within the boundaries of proposed Everglades National Park.

Upon discussion, it was decided to withhold action on the request for the present, due to pendency of oil and gas explorations in that area.

The Secretary reported that lists have been prepared of lands held by the Trustees lying within Everglades Drainage District and are ready to be certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District for extension of taxes against the lands.

(Amended by Resolution February 17, 1943)

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by the said Trustees for the year 1941, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

Upon vote the Resolution was adopted and the Secretary directed to forward the properly executed lists to Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Elliot also reported that he was preparing list and description by counties of State owned lands within Everglades Drainage District with the acreage taxes against each parcel and the taxing zone in which it is located. It was suggested that these lists be furnished the tax assessors as a guide for extending the State lands on the tax rolls.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the lists being prepared by the Secretary be furnished the Tax Assessors of the Counties within Everglades Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The matter of surrendering to Everglades Drainage District the certificates of indebtedness held by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as provided in Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, was discussed, also cancellation of Drainage tax sale certificates against lands held by the Trustees, but it was the opinion of the board that composition proceedings of the District should be completed and approved by the District Court before any action should be taken by this Board. No action taken.

Discussion was had with reference to Drainage District taxes against lands comprising the State Seminole Indian Reservation, title to which is in the Board of State Institutions; also Drainage taxes against State lands used by the Prison Farm at Belleglade. No decision was reached.

The Trustees had under consideration the price to be charged for lands held by the Trustees under Everglades

Drainage District tax sale certificates, since the 1941 Legislature provided for cancellation of all Everglades Drainage District taxes and certificates against such lands.

This matter was also held pending completion of plan of composition for Everglades Drainage District.

The Secretary presented the matter of tax sale certificates on lands comprising the bottoms of Lake Iamonia, Leon County. The bottoms of Lake Iamonia comprise sovereignty land. In 1895 the Trustees undertook to convey the same, or portions thereof, into private ownership and to that end accepted a consideration and executed and delivered deeds to purchasers. The purchasers were the owners of the adjacent uplands bordering upon the Lake. At the time of execution of deeds there was no authority for the Trustees to convey sovereignty lands. Upon issuance of deeds from the Trustees, the lands were extended upon the tax roll and assessed for State and County taxes. Taxes in most cases were paid by the purchasers for many years. In later years the holders of deeds from the Trustees came to the conclusion that their deeds were not valid and discontinued payment of taxes. Thereupon tax sale certificates were issued and were outstanding in the hands of the State on June 9, 1939, when Section 9 of Chapter 18296 became effective.

Information of the Trustees is that certain persons are making application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as Agent for the Trustees, to have the lands covered by such certificates advertised for sale under the Murphy Act.

Former purchasers, who at the time believed that they took title in good faith, or their successors in so-called title, and owning the adjacent upland, are now perturbed over what may result if the lake bottoms are sold and deeds issued to other parties under the Murphy Act. They ask that the Trustees take steps to prevent such sale.

Upon discussion of the subject Mr. Mayo moved that the Trustees refer the matter to the Attorney General for his opinion as to the question of title and as to tax sale certificates. Motion seconded that the question be referred to the Attorney General, and upon vote adopted.

The following bills amounting to $1,735.70 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that vouchers be issued in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer	$ 400.00	
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00	
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00	
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00	
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—Part time	50.00	
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00	
		$1,275.00
Ed Scott, C. C. C., Collier County	$ 1.50	
Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	52.00	
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	19.30	
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala Fla.	339.55	
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50	
E. B. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	42.85	
		460.70
TOTAL		$1,735.70

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers applicable thereto are as follows:

County	Deed Numbers
Alachua	417 to 443 inc.
Brevard	325 to 339 inc.
Brevard	340 to 348 inc.
Broward	1168 to 1197 inc.
Broward	1198 to 1214 inc.
Clay	88 to 103 inc.
Columbia	212, 213
Dade	631, 1349, 1382 to 1432 inc.
Dade	1433 to 1452 inc.
Dixie	37 and 38
Flagler	19
Gadsden	142
Gulf	32 to 37 inc.
Gulf	38
Hamilton	60 to 62 inc.
Hernando	62

Hillsborough	1311 to 1362 inc.
Holmes	43 to 45 inc.
Indian River	225 to 230 inc.
Jackson	127 to 130 inc.
Jefferson	53 to 61 inc.
	63 and 64
Lafayette	22
Lee	351 to 362 inc.
Leon	127 to 140 inc.
Marion	233 to 246 inc.
Monroe	355 to 370 inc.
Nassau	97 to 100 inc.
Osceola	188 to 195 inc.
Palm Beach	1166 to 1196 inc.
Pasco	422 to 441 inc.
Polk	788 to 818 inc.
	820 to 854 inc.
Polk	819
Sarasota	250 to 262 inc.
Seminole	240 to 253 inc.
St. Johns	239 to 257 inc.
St. Lucie	254 to 261 inc.
Sumter	262 to 275 inc.
Sumter	276 to 287 inc.
Wakulla	69
Washington	73 to 82 inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the above numbered deeds be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed.

Reports Nos. 21, 22 and 23 were presented, listing bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that the following bids have been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, and are ready for consideration of the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	8/20/41	32
Bay	8/18/41	3
Bay	9/8/41	10
Broward	8/18/41	63
Clay	8/30/41	7
Columbia	9/3/41	5
Dade	8/18/41	52
Dade	8/25/41	51

DeSoto	8/11/41	1
Dixie	8/25/41	8
Duval	8/27/41	76
Escambia	8/19/41	14
Flagler	9/1/41	1
Gulf	9/1/41	7
Gulf	9/8/41	3
Hamilton	9/8/41	3
Hardee	9/1/41	9
Hardee	9/4/41	14
Hendry	8/29/41	3
Hillsborough	9/2/41	43
Hillsborough	9/3/41	43
Hernando	8/25/41	6
Hernando	8/30/41	2
Holmes	8/31/41	3
Indian River	9/1/41	8
Jackson	9/8/41	4
Jefferson	9/1/41	18
Lafayette	9/12/41	1
Lake	9/8/41	34
Lee	8/19/41	4
Leon	9/8/41	18
Levy	9/8/41	5
Brevard	9/9/41	26
Manatee	9/1/41	27
Marion	9/1/41	25
Martin	8/4/41	13
Monroe	9/9/41	50
Nassau	9/8/41	4
Orange	9/1/41	24
Osceola	9/1/41	14
Palm Beach	8/15/41	58
Pasco	9/2/41	20
Polk	7/31/41	30
Polk	8/27/41	44
Putnam	9/6/41	74
Sarasota	9/8/41	31
Seminole	9/8/41	15
St. Johns	9/6/41	46
St. Lucie	9/1/41	11
Sumter	8/18/41	22
Sumter	9/1/41	13
Taylor	8/23/41	1
Volusia	9/1/41	29
Wakulla	8/23/41	2
Wakulla	8/28/41	2
Wakulla	9/6/41	1

Mr. Elliot stated that in reference to approval of bids and later the approval of deeds, he would recommend that rather than have separate approvals for bids and deeds, that the procedure be changed and when report of bids is submitted the Trustees take action accepting such bids as are regular and in proper order and at the same time approve the execution and delivery of deeds corresponding to the accepted bids.

The recommendation of the Secretary was agreed to, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve the bids listed above; that the procedure heretofore followed with reference to approval of deeds be discontinued and that hereafter the approval of bids carry with it the authorization for execution and delivery of all deeds applicable to such bids, except in case of protest filed to any bid; all irregular or protested bids to be submitted to the Trustees for consideration. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

At the request of the Secretary, consideration was given to method of handling transfer of funds under Chapter 18296 to the General Revenue Fund as authorized by the 1941 Legislature. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the transfer to General Revenue Fund, at or near the end of each month, of funds derived from the sale of Lands under Chapter 18296, and that report be made to the Trustees each month of amount so transferred. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary was directed to make such transfer each month under the above authorization.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to purchase a Ditto machine for use in his office: payment to be from funds under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in Brevard, Escambia, Hillsborough and Walton Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that easements for right of ways in connection with the following State roads be executed and delivered to the State Road Department:

Brevard County—Road No. 206—Project 1210—SRD 89
Escambia County—Road No. 341—Project 5567—SRD 19
Hillsborough County—Road No. 545—Project 5367—SRD 205
Hillsborough County—Road No. 545—Project 5367—SRD 206
Hillsborough County—Road No. 545—Project 5367—SRD 208
Walton County—Road No. 358—Project 5592—SRD 16

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements as listed were ordered executed and transmitted to the State Road Department.

Application was presented from W. B. Vance for release of a portion of State Road Right of Way reservation in Citrus County Deed No. 17 executed in favor of W. B. Vance, dated December 14, 1940. Mr. Elliot stated that the matter had been referred to the State Road Department resulting in recommendation from the Road Department that the reservation be released as to a portion thereof.

Quitclaim deed releasing that part of the right of way reservation as recommended by the State Road Department was submitted for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Vance and execute Citrus County Quitclaim Deed No. 17 in his favor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deed ordered executed and delivered.

Request was presented from the Armory Board of the State of Florida for use of lands in Clay County which came to the State under Chapter 18296.

Question was raised as to whether or not these lands were included in a legislative Act having reference to use of certain lands for Camp Blanding.

The matter was ordered referred to the Attorney General for information on the subject.

Request was presented from J. W. Campbell, Mayor of Palatka, that the Trustees grant easement or lease to certain parcels of land under Chapter 18296, description of which is defective, the land being desired in connection with Municipal Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be held in abeyance pending more definite information on the subject.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to reduce base bid on lots applied for by the City of Palatka for airport purposes.

Request was submitted from the City of Palatka for reconsideration of action taken August 5, 1941, agreeing on a base bid of $2500 for 2850 lots within the city limits of Palatka. A counter proposal was presented requesting that a minimum bid of $400 be allowed for advertising 1000 of the 2850 lots.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $400 from the City of Palatka as a base bid for 1000 lots within the City limits. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary was requested to notify Mr. J. W. Campbell, Mayor of Palatka, of action by the Trustees on the three proposals presented on behalf of the City.

Resolution was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, requesting that the Trustees have the several subdivisions, in that county inspected and checked, comprising land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, with a view to making disposition of these parcels on an acreage basis and thereby returning such lands to the tax rolls of the County.

Consideration was given to the request, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson that owing to the limited authority of the Trustees it would be impracticable to grant the request of Putnam County. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted that the Trustees decline carrying out the request of Putnam County.

Letter was presented from L. D. Marcellus of Holly Hill, Florida, requesting authority to have certain trees removed from Lots 7 and 11, Avondale Park, Holly Hill, Volusia County, Florida, which reverted to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296. Mr. Marcellus states that the trees are dangerous to his adjoining property in the event of storms.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Marcellus to remove any trees located on lots owned by the State which lie within forty (40) feet of any building on his property upon payment of $1. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from U. S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wild Life Service, for withdrawal of certain land under Chapter 18296, in Citrus and Hernando Counties, to be included in the proposed Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge. Information was that the Department desired the land withdrawn pending examination of title by the Attorney General of the United States and upon approval of such title bid would be submitted for the land of not less than the base bid required.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that owing to limited authority of the Trustees, it would not be advisable to withdraw these lands from sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from D. C. Smith, Attorney for Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, requesting that the Trustees donate certain land in Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, which came to the State under Chapter 18296. Explanation was that the Civil Aeronautics Administration had selected this tract as a part of the location for improvement as a Defense Airport and provided an appropriation of $262,000.00 for the work.

The Trustees being without authority to donate lands which came to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to grant request of St. Lucie County. Upon vote the motion was adopted. It was suggested however that the County make application in the regular manner to acquire title to the parcel of land desired.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Frank D. Guernsey, Sr., requesting that the Trustees convey a 25 foot strip of Murphy Act land to Seminole County to be used as a right of way for a public road, Mr. Guernsey having donated a similar strip from his property which will give a 50 foot public road. The conveyance desired from the State covers a 25 foot strip across the south boundary of the SW¼ of NE¼ and the SW¼ of the SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, Seminole County.

It being the policy of the Trustees in cases of this kind to deal directly with the State Road Department and that department then deal with the county or local agency, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant to the State Road Department an easement for the 25 foot strip across the land herein described as a right of way for a public road in Seminole County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary was directed to so advise Mr. Guernsey.

Application was presented from Mr. Lem P. Woods, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of Southwest Tampa Storm Sewer Drainage District, to purchase all the right, title and interest of the State of Florida, acquired by Section 9 of Chapter 18296, in lands located within such Drainage District at a price of $500.00 Mr. Elliot reported that the United States has brought condemnation proceedings against a large portion of these lands in connection with the Southeastern Army Air Base and has made an appraisal in amount of $34,728.00. The remainder of Murphy Act land in the District is appraised at $6,804.00.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of accepting a reduced bid for these lands in view of the fact that other drainage districts in the State would expect similar reductions.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the question be referred to the Attorney General for recommendations and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter referred to the Attorney General.

Mr. Will Oven appeared before the Trustees with reference to sale of Murphy Act land in Leon County, having reference to the

> S½ of SE¼ of NW¼ and N½ of NE¼ of SW¼,
> Section 9, Township 1 South, Range 2 West.

Information was given that Mr. Oven, representing the heirs of Thos. M. Mathews, former owner, made application to the Clerk of the Court of Leon County, as Trustees' Agent, to purchase above described land but was informed that the land had been withdrawn from sale as it was needed as a bombing area; that the adult Mathews heirs were purchasing the property with a view of selling to the Government. Mr. Oven requested that the Trustees recall their withdrawal order on the parcel of land in question and allow it to be advertised and sold in order that former owners may deliver good title to the United States Government.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that in cases where lands have been withdrawn from sale at the request of the United States that the Trustees recall that ban as to any lands where necessary for former owner to clear the title in order to give good title to the United States. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. It was ordered that the above be complied with after investigation as to whether or not the taxes might have been paid on the land during years which would put it under the Futch Act and amendments.

The Secretary was requested to notify Clerks in counties where lands had been withdrawn from sale at the request of the United States that applications similar to the above be referred to the Trustees for action.

The following bills amounting to $61,323.15 were approved and checks ordered drawn in payment thereof:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
R. F. Vason, Clerk	125.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Steno.—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Steno.—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Deane C. Watson, Verifier (4 days)	10.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.80
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.38
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	28.56
Corporation Service Co. of Florida, Tallahassee	.50
J. A. Peacock, C. C. C., Blountstown, Fla.	46.92
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	26.40
James A. Ellis Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	5.50
F. C. Elliot, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.09
Frank Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	30.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	60,000.00
TOTAL	$61,323.15

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. ELLIOT,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 25, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Senator David Elmer Ward of Fort Myers having appeared before the board at a recent meeting, but no minute having been made of action taken, the Trustees directed that the Minutes of this date carry the following record:

Upon request of Senator David Elmer Ward of Fort Myers, representing Mr. Lonnie Hough, motion was made, seconded and adopted, authorizing one-year Grazing lease in favor of Mr. Lonnie Hough on the following described land:

> All of Sections 19, 20 and 30; W½ of Section 31 and E½ of Section 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County.

Payment to be made at the rate of ten cents (10c) an acre. Lease to be subject to leases of G. W. Whitehurst expiring June 5 and September 20, 1941.

Motion was also made, seconded and adopted, to sell to Mr. Lonnie Hough the following described land in Hendry County:

> E½ of Section 31 and W½ of Section 32, Township 46 South, Range 34 East,

under Contract at a price of $1.50 an acre; conveyance to be made subject to all outstanding taxes.

The Land Clerk was directed to prepare lease and contract according to action taken.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 30, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Request was presented from the City of Palatka that the Trustees waive the rules as follows: Allow notice period of five days from date of advertising to date of sale for lands which the City is making application to purchase for airport purposes, and waive requirement of notice to former owner or tax payer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees direct the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, as agent for the Trustees, to allow five days notice from date of advertisement to date of sale and waive requirement for giving notice to former owner or persons last paying taxes, in all other respects the sale to be conducted according to the rules and regulations governing sales under Chapter 18296. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees, which deeds according to Counties and numbers are as follows:

County	Deed Number
Bay	142 to 152 inc.
Broward	1108-Cor.
Bradford	70 to 72 inc.
Citrus	121 to 130 inc.
Columbia	214 to 218 inc.
DeSoto	91 to 94 inc.
Duval	1115 to 1172 inc.
Escambia	85 to 101 inc.
Hamilton	63 to 65 inc.
Hardee	106 to 117 inc.
Hernando	63 to 65 inc.
Hillsborough	1363 to 1407 inc.
Lafayette	23
Lake	408 to 436 inc.
Lee	363 to 365 inc.
Leon	141
Manatee	298 to 334 inc.
Manatee	335, 336
Martin	175 to 199 inc.
Orange	724 to 736 inc.
Pinellas	1371 and 1372, 1374 to 1377, 1379 to 1384, 1386 to 1414, 1416 to 1418 inc.
Putnam	521 to 566 inc.
Taylor	95
Volusia	781 to 805 inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the deeds listed herein be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed.

Report was submitted of bids received by the Trustees under Chapter 18296, with information that the following bids had been received and checked in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed and were regular in all respects:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bradford	8/30/41	3
Bradford	9/13/41	2
Bradford	9/22/41	1
Broward	9/15/41	150
Citrus	9/9/41	12
Columbia	9/17/41	6
Dade	9/3/41	140

Dade	9/8/41	63
DeSoto	9/22/41	5
Hamilton	9/22/41	3
Hillsborough	9/15-16/41	121
Holmes	9/8/41	2
Holmes	9/22/41	1
Lafayette	9/19/41	1
Palm Beach	9/5/41	51
Pinellas	9/9/41	85
Polk	9/20/41	1
Washington	8/26/41	9
Washington	9/9/41	12

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids as listed, such approval to carry the authorization for execution and delivery of deeds corresponding to bids accepted herein. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Lieutenant Colonel J. W. Monahan, in reference to permit authorized August 5, 1941, in favor of the United States War Department, allowing use of State land by the Army Air Corps at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida. The War Department requests that the permit be changed to a 25 year lease and asked that forms supplied by the War Department be used. Mr. Elliot informed the board that it has developed that a part of the tract desired is owned by the State under Chapter 18296, which Act makes no reference to long term leases. A permit with changes acceptable to the Department was recommended.

Upon discussion of the request from the War Department, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot to work out with Lieutenant Colonel Monahan a permit to cover the Murphy Act lands which would be acceptable to both parties. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land for State road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant easements for right of ways for use in connection with the following State Roads:

Alachua County—State Road No. 86—Project 5497

Franklin County—State Road No. 12—Project 812A (5151)

Franklin County—State Road No. 303—Project 1248 (5319)

Gadsden County—State Road No. 76—Project 1108A (5050)

Gadsden County—State Road No. 76—Project 1108C (5050)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements ordered executed and delivered to the Road Department.

Suwannee County Special Case—J. F. Harrison of Pompano, Florida—was presented to the Trustees with request for minimum bid of $30 for advertising the S½ of NW¼ of Section 29, Township 3 South, Range 15 East—80 acres. The Agent for the Trustees recommended that the bid be allowed on the ground that the applicant, former owner, attempted to clear all his taxes prior to operation of Section 9 of Chapter 18296, but through error this parcel escaped and certificate was issued to the State. Bid recommended is equal to amount applicant would have paid to redeem his property under the Murphy Act prior to June 1939, plus 1940 and 1941 taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow advertisement of the 80-acres with a base bid of $30.00, in all other respects sale to be conducted in the usual manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Polk County Special Case—Board of Public Instruction of Polk County—was presented with request that minimum bid of $1 each lot be allowed for advertising the following land under the Murphy Act:

Lots 2 to 15 Inc., Block 17, Alturas—Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 26 East;

Lots 1; 3 to 13 Inc.; 16 to 18 Inc., Block 61, Davenport, Sections 3 and 10, Township 27 South, Range 27 East.

Agent for the Trustees recommended that the bid be allowed since the lots were desired for school purposes of the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the application of the Board of Public Instruction of Polk County be denied, the board being of the opinion that it would be inadvisable to set a precedent of this kind. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Hillsborough County Special Case—County School Board—was presented, offering $60 as a minimum bid for advertising the following described land:

Lots 10 and 11, Block 4, and Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Sulphur Hill S/D;

Lot 1, and North 66 2/3 feet of Lot 2, Block 18, Sulphur Springs Addition.

The Trustees' Agent recommended that the bid be allowed in view of the fact that the land was desired for Sulphur Springs School playgrounds.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to allow the base bid on Hillsborough County lots for the same reason as expressed in the forgoing Polk County Special Case.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Messrs. Hunter Brown, William Fisher and D. B. Williams of Pensacola, Florida, presented request for oil exploration contract along the West Coast of Florida.

The Governor explained that the Trustees had agreement with three companies for oil exploration contracts and proposed leases covering the sovereignty lands off the West Coast of Florida from the Perdido River to the North boundary of Monroe County. Conditions of the contracts and proposed leases were explained and discussed. The delegation from Pensacola stated that they had not reached any definite conclusion as to terms and conditions but desired information as to the Trustees' policy and as to any areas available for oil explorations. A general outline of the exploration contracts agreed upon having been explained, Mr. Fisher stated that he and associates would go back and make other plans for exploration of inland lakes and streams and submit their proposal to the Trustees at a later date.

The Secretary having already presented the matter of Permit in favor of the United States for use of Murphy

Act land in Palm Beach County in connection with Morrison Field, the same action was taken with reference to State owned land—"that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot to work out with Colonel Monahan a permit covering State land acceptable to the United States and the Trustees."

The following bill in amount of $62.40 was approved and warrant ordered drawn in payment thereof:

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk—Expense Account	$62.40

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Minutes of the Trustees dated September 23rd, 24th and 25th, 1941, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 4, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Attorney General Watson presented three proposed oil exploration contracts and leases as agreed upon by the Trustees and applicants for final approval and execution. Mr. Bayless, Land Clerk, stated that he and Mr. Petteway had checked the description in each case. Whereupon the Attorney General stated he was ready to sign the agreements, evidencing his approval, and upon execution by other members the contracts were ready for delivery.

Attention having been called to the fact that the contract of Arnold Oil Explorations Inc., contained certain descriptions that might conflict with State Park areas, a representative from the Florida Board of Forestry was called in and requested to give information on that point. Maps were presented showing location of the State Park with reference to water areas desired by Arnold Oil Explorations Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that a general provision be included in all leases providing for elimination of any areas that might conflict with State Park and Forest property. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered that the leases be modified to carry such reservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees now execute Oil Exploration Contracts in favor of the following:

Arnold Oil Explorations Inc.
A. E. Freel
W. G. Blanchard and Associates

Upon vote the motion was adopted, and the contracts authorized held until descriptions have been checked and approved by Messrs. Elliot, Bayless and Petteway.

Mr. J. Ray Arnold introduced Dr. Garrett Kemp as an authority on the finding and production of oil and recommended that he be employed by the Trustees in the exploration and search for oil in Florida. Information was given as to Dr. Kemp's experience in the oil fields of the Country and gave the following as organizations with which he had been connected:

Professor of Physics at Purdue University
University of Kentucky
University of Oklahoma
Atlantic Refining Company of Texas

A letter dated October 4, 1941, was presented to the Trustees in which Dr. Kemp offered his services to the State as technical consultant relating to the production of oil, gas and other minerals from land owned by the State; payment for such services to be not less than a monthly retainer of $500 plus expenses, together with 1% of any revenues to be developed from the three contracts heretofore referred to.

Judge Rivers Buford and Mr. A. E. Freel being present also stated that Dr. Kemp was highly recommended as an authority on the exploration and production of oil, gas and minerals.

Upon being invited to make any statements he desired, Dr. Kemp replied that he was glad to be present and thought the Trustees were proceeding in the right manner to discover oil in Florida; that he had come prepared to cast his lot with the oil interests of Florida and felt he could be of great assistance to the Trustees in the capacity of technical consultant, and that his letter sets forth his proposal.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Governor appoint a committee of two members of the Board, to confer with Mr. Gunter, State Geologist, and Messrs. Elliot and Bayless, and make a written report to the Trustees on the proposal of Dr. Kemp; that a copy of such report be furnished each member of the board three days in advance of the meeting at which such report will be submitted. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Governor appointed Mr. Watson and Mr. Larson to serve on the committee from the board to confer with Messrs. Gunter, Elliot and Bayless and submit report on the proposal from Dr. Kemp.

Financial Statement for the month of September 1941 is as follows:

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RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1941

Various Land Sales	$1,291.24
Farm Lease	663.00
Sand and Shell Leases	811.85
Timber Leases	198.09
Fishing Campsite Leases	75.00
Lease Sov'ty Area Adjacent to Upland Property	7.50
Rock Lease	37.50
Mineral Lease	100.13
Tie Lease	72.60
Grazing Lease	66.62

Restoration Outstanding Checks issued Prior to May 1, 1941, as follows:

Date	Check No.	Payee	Drawn On	Amount
5/27/31	8553	Perkie Properties	63-5	$ 100.00
3/22/32	8922	F. N. Keon	63-5	4.00
9/ 3/32	9721	J. D. Wolfe	63-5	50.00
10/22/36	10668	J. M. Sutton	63-2	5.00
1/29/41	11884	J. Alex Arnette	63-2	20.00

Total	$ 179.00
Total Receipts for September 1941	3,502.53
Balance as of September 1, 1941	194,120.56
Grand Total	$197,623.09
Disbursements During September 1941	1,275.00
Balance on Hand as of September 30, 1941	$196,348.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Sept. 30,	58792	F. C. Elliot	$ 400.00
	58793	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	58794	M. O. Barco	175.00
	58795	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	58796	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	58797	S. S. Savage	200.00

Total Disbursements for September 1941	$1,275.00

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Restoration of outstanding checks—Under Chapter 18296—Issued prior to May 1, 1941, Drawn on Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida:

Date	Check No.	Payee	Amount
7/23/40	64	Abraham L. Lewis	$ 98.00
12/10/40	248	R. W. Saunders	255.00
12/10/40	249	Archer R. Harris	91.00
1/21/41	288	Langley Bell	5.00
1/21/41	295	J. M. Bolen & Ann O. Bolen	5.00

Total Restored	$ 454.00
Total Land Sales during September 1941	49,167.56
Total Receipts for September 1941	$49,621.56
Balance on Hand September 1, 1941	27,212.20
Grand Total	$76,833.76

DISBURSEMENTS DURING SEPTEMBER 1941

Date 1941	Warrant No.	In Favor of	Amount
Sept. 30,	58798	Geo. F. Sampson	$ 250.00
	58799	Ernest Hewett	200.00
	58800	Helen Phillips	125.00
	58801	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	58802	R. F. Vason	125.00
	58803	Robt. Hensley	85.00
	58804	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	58805	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	58806	M. O. Barco	25.00
	58807	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	58808	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield	100.00
	58809	Deane C. Watson	10.00
	58810	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.80
	58811	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.38
	58812	Capital Office Equipment Co.	28.56
	58813	Corporation Service Co.	.50
	58814	J. A. Peacock, C. C. C.	46.92
	58815	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	26.40
	58816	James A. Ellis Co.	5.50
	58817	F. C. Elliot	1.09
	58818	Frank Cochran, P. M.	30.00

Total Disbursements during September 1941	$ 1,323.15
Grand Total (as shown above)	76,833.76
Total Disbursements during September 1941	1,323.15
Balance on Hand September 30, 1941	$75,510.61

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 21, 1941.

The trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date on the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Request was presented from Mr. A. A. Poston, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, that the Trustees make conveyance of water bottoms lying between the shore line and the Intra Coastal Waterway in the towns of Lake Park (formerly Kelsey City) and Riviera, Palm Beach County, such conveyance having been authorized by Chapter 21324—Lake Park—and Chapter 21345—Riviera—Acts of 1941.

Mr. Elliot furnished information that these laws were similar to one enacted several years ago with reference to the City of Miami; that the Trustees set the price on the land but there was no requirement for advertising. In the case of City of Miami a price of $10 an acre was agreed upon, the City paying amount which would be due the State Board of Education and the Trustees waiving their interest in the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees set a price on the land applied for by the towns of Lake Park and Riviera on a basis of $10 an acre with payment of $2.50 an acre as the School Board's part of the purchase price, the Trustees' interest being waived, and that deeds be executed and delivered in accordance with Chapters 21324 and 21345, Acts of 1941. Motion adopted.

Mr. R. L. Newman of Tampa, Florida, presented application to purchase land on Sanibel Island, Lee County, adjacent to his present holdings, offering $1.50 an acre for the swamp land owned by the State.

Information was that a tentative offer of $1.50 an acre had been accepted from Mr. Harold C. Farnsworth for the land applied for by Mr. Newman but no further steps had been taken by Mr. Farnsworth since action of the Trustees September 23. It was agreed that in case of sale the land would be advertised for bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to Mr. Bayless to work out with Mr. Newman a proposal as a basis on which the land may be advertised for competitive bids. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. W. H. Jackson of Tampa, on behalf of Lykes Bros., submitted application to purchase Lots A and B, Section 23, and Lot 2, Section 27, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, 164.12 acres in Glades County, offering $5 an acre for the tract. Also offered $100 for 8.70 acres described as Lot 4, Section 28, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to accept the offers from Lykes Bros., for the land described, the price being in line with appraisal of the Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had numerous inquiries about State owned land in Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okeechobee Counties with reference to leases and sales and recommended that the several parcels be advertised for competitive bidding.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, the Trustees directed that land aggregating some three thousand acres in the counties of Glades, Hendry, Highlands and Okechobee be advertised for competitive bidding, the Trustees reserving the right to reject any or all bids. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Application was presented from Mr. Elliot, on behalf of Piney Island Club, for lease covering all that part of Rodenbury Cove on the Southeast or Gulf side of Piney Island, Wakulla County, being the outermost point on the West side of Rodenbury Cove to the outermost point on the East side, together with tributaries thereto, comprising approximately 50 acres. An offer of $5 was made for one year lease on the area described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that one year lease be granted Piney Island Club on the area described upon payment of $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed.

Application was presented from Fenton Jones for lease of the following described water areas in Wakulla County:

> Those Grassy Islets Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, in Skipper Bay, between a line drawn from the Southernmost tip of Piney Island and a line drawn from the Northernmost point of said Island to a point at the mouth of Purifier Creek, and those Grassy Islets numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, in Levy Bay and Tide Creek between a line drawn from the Northernmost point of Marsh's Island and Hungry Point and the Road Fill across Tide Creek that connects Marsh's Island with the Mainland and between the mainland and Marsh's Island.

Upon examination of the map showing the areas applied for it was decided that there would be little chance for public hunting areas if too many leases were granted. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to decline to lease the areas applied for by Mr. Jones.

The Governor reported that he had letter from J. V. Walton with reference to action of the Trustees July 29, 1941, giving notice that after 90 days from that date the Trustees would receive bids for Cypress timber known as Crow's Bluff tract in Lake and Volusia Counties. Judge Walton, representing Wilson Cypress Company, requested that the Trustees notify all prospective purchasers that Wilson Cypress Company would have preference of purchase, basing such request on an opinion of the Supreme Court in 1924 recognizing such preferential right of purchase. Also desired to know what rules the Trustees proposed following in the matter of bids in order that he might protect the position of his clients.

The Governor suggested that the letter be turned over to Senator Gillis, Assistant Attorney General, with request that he frame an answer to Judge Walton and recommend to the Trustees rules to be followed in receiving bids on the timber; also what was meant by the term "Preferential Rights."

The Governor's suggestion was agreed to and became the action of the Board.

Discussion was had as to whether the cypress should be sold in a solid tract or if the parcel as referred to in opinion of the Supreme Court should be segregated from the remainder of the tract. No definite action taken on this point.

The Secretary presented for approval the employment of J. B. Lee at a salary of $10 monthly for looking after the cypress timber in Lake and Volusia Counties, known as Crows Bluff tract, the Trustees having heretofore directed that some person be employed to check up on trespass in that vicinity.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that the employment of Mr. Lee be approved with a salary of $10 per month beginning with the month of September, 1941.

The following bills amounting to $2,208.61 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for issuance of warrants in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Ass't to Field Agent, Sept. and Oct.	20.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	64.60
County of Sarasota, Sarasota, Fla.	714.86
Palm Beach Publications, Inc., West Palm Beach	27.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Fla.	31.50
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	26.40
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee	60.00
Moon Jewelry Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.75
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	7.50
TOTAL	$2,208.61

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Request was presented by T. D. Ellis, Jr., Attorney of Hollywood, representing the City of Dania, for conveyance of submerged land in Broward County. Information was given that Chapter 21130, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, authorized the Trustees to convey 8.64 acres of submerged land in New River Sound lying in Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, to the City of Dania.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees follow procedure as in the cases of Lake Park and Riviera, in Palm Beach County, and convey to the town of Dania the land described in Chapter 21130 based on a price of $10 an acre with payment of $2.50 an acre as the School Fund's part, the equity of the Trustees being waived. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed upon payment of $2.50 an acre.

Mr. John H. Carter of Marianna, Bishop Frank A. Juhan of Jacksonville, and Mr. Stafford Caldwell, U. S. Attorney of Tallahassee, presented request from the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida with reference to property owned by the Church in Bay County, known as "Camp Weed." Statement was made that pursuant to suit filed by the United States title to the land vested in the Federal Government and amount of the appraised value has been deposited with the Court. Statement was made that prior to the date the Church acquired the property two tax certificates were issued on the land and in June 1939 were certified to the State under Chapter 18296; that the property was subsequently required by the United States in connection with the Florida Army Air Corps Flexible Gunnery School and pursuant to suit filed by the United States title to the land vested in the Federal Government and amount equal to the appraised value deposited with the Court to be distributed to the proper agency.

The Attorney for the Episcopal Diocese requests that the amount deposited with the Court be paid over to the Church less amount of the two certificates.

Upon discussion of the proper procedure to be followed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot prepare a resolution along lines of the discussion and submit to Assistant Attorney General Gillis for approval and upon such approval the Resolution to become the action of the Trustees. The resolution to also recite that the Attorney General be authorized to stipulate that all amounts above the face of the certificates plus interest be paid to the Episcopal Church. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following Resolution having been approved by the Attorney General's office became the action of the Trustees according to motion of Mr. Mayo:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, a corporation, acquired title to certain property in Bay County, Florida, on June 15, 1929, which said property is described as follows:

> Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 20 feet off the East end of Lot 13, of Block 7, Gulf City, Section 33, Township 4, Range 14, South and West,

and

WHEREAS, on June 2, 1930, two certain State and County tax sale certificates, Nos. 2618 and 2619, were issued representing the lien for taxes assessed for the year 1929, which said lien became effective prior to the date on which the said Church took title, and a certain Certificate No. 7871 for the year 1933 having issued as a result of the certificates of 1930, above described, and

WHEREAS, Chapter 16252, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1933, and Chapter 17400, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1935, provided, among other things, that any person who paid taxes for certain groups of years described in said Acts would have an additional period of fifteen (15) years within which to redeem property from the lien of certificates of dates prior to those mentioned in said Acts, and since no taxes were assessable against said property since acquisition by the said Church and therefore no taxes were or are owed for the period during which title has been in said Church, except for the lien of taxes represented by the certificates above enumerated, and that the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 18296 should not operate as against the said land; Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that in view of the foregoing the property owned by the said Church should be entitled to the provisions of the Acts above named, and it is the sense of the said Trustees that the only sums due the State on account of unpaid taxes on the property above described are the amounts represented by the face of the said 1930 certificates evidencing a lien for taxes assessed prior to the time that the Church took title, plus interest thereon at the rate provided by law, which said amounts are as follows:

Certificate	Face	Int. to Nov. 1, 1941	Total
No. 2618—1930	$42.68	$42.11	$84.79
No. 2619—1930	5.25	5.18	10.43
Amount due State			$95.22

and that the said Trustees agree to accept such as the amount due the State thereon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Attorney General be and he is hereby authorized to stipulate such amount to the United States as the compensation due the State in that certain condemnation suit for the taking of said property by the United States, and that it is agreeable to the Trustees that any balance over and above the sum specified may be paid to the said Church.

Mr. Elliot presented Reports 25, 26, 27, listing bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids had been received and checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board. The following bids are regular in all respects and ready for consideration by the Trustees:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	9/24/41	58
Baker	9/29/41	1
Bay	9/22/41	33
Brevard	10/14/41	6
Columbia	10/1/41	7
Escambia	9/19/41	11
Franklin	9/8/41	6
Gadsden	9/30/41	6
Gulf	10/6/41	3
Hardee	10/13/41	18
Hernando	9/15/41	5
Hernando	9/29/41	8
Hernando	10/13/41	4
Hillsborough	10/7/41	48
Indian River	10/6/41	4
Jackson	10/6/41	8
Jefferson	10/5/41	8
Levy	10/6/41	3
Martin	9/8/41	3
Martin	9/22/41	3
Orange	10/6/41	22
Osceola	9/29/41	28
Pasco	10/7/41	12
Putnam	10/4/41	66
Putnam	10/11/41	19
St. Johns	10/7/41	32
Sarasota	10/6/41	34
Seminole	10/13/41	11

Sumter	9/22/41	16
Taylor	10/11/41	3
Wakulla	9/23/41	1
Walton	10/7/41	3
Walton	10/11/41	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that the following deeds had been prepared covering bids heretofore accepted by the Trustees and were ready for execution and delivery to purchasers:

County	Deed Number
Alachua	444 to 485 inc.
Baker	37
Bay	153 to 173 inc.
Broward	1215 to 1249 inc.
Citrus	131 to 144 inc.
Columbia	219 to 224 inc.
Dade	1453 to 1497 inc.
Escambia	102 to 112 inc.
Franklin	36 to 42 inc.
Gadsden	143 to 148 inc.
Gulf	39, 40
Hernando	66 to 74 inc.
Hillsborough	629 (Dup.) 1408 to 1434 inc.
Indian River	231 to 233 inc.
Jackson	131 to 137 inc.
Liberty	2, 3
Levy	89 to 94 inc.
Orange	737 to 749 inc.
Putnam	567
St. Johns	258 to 267 inc.
Sarasota	263 to 281 inc.
Sumter	288 to 298 inc.
Wakulla	70
Walton	69 to 72 inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the deeds listed be approved with authority for execution and delivery thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Florida Public Service Corp. of Orlando, Florida, for easement across Murphy Act land, being that part of Lot 7, Cherokee Park, Winter Park, in SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, for the purpose of constructing a transmission line to the Orlando Air Base.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that easement be granted Florida Public Service Corp., of Orlando, for use of the land described on which to construct the proposed transmission line, payment for such permit to be $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered issued.

Special Cases Martin County:

1. J. X. Towles of Perry, Florida, on April 25, 1941, made a bid of $2316 for approximately 3321 acres of Murphy Act land in Sections 31, 32 and 33, Township 39 South, Range 41 East; in Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 41 East, and in Section 31, Township 39 South, Range 42 East. Recommendation from the Trustees' Agent was that the bid be accepted as the land was wild, unimproved and the amount bid was a fair offer for the land.

2. F. H. Williams on May 21, 1941, made a bid of $644.40 for 6,648 acres of Murphy Act land located in Palm City Farms Tracts. Recommendation from the Clerk was that the bid be accepted on the ground that the 1932 value was excessively high and that drainage taxes on the land amounted to $60,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the bids of J. X. Towles and F. H. Williams for land in Martin County be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented request for release of road right of way reservation in Sarasota County Deed No. 261 issued in favor of Joseph H. Phillips and Gertrude I. Phillips September 17, 1941; also that reservation be released from Sarasota County Deed No. 251 in favor of E. C. Thompson dated September 17, 1941. The State Road Department recommends that a portion of the reservations be released.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve requests as above and issue Sarasota County Quitclaim Deeds in favor of Joseph H. Phillips and wife and E. C. Thompson, releasing a portion of road reservation as recommended by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and delivered upon payment of $2 each deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to purchase the necessary filing cabinets required in his office. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following bills amounting to $1.720.20 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for issuance of warrants in payment thereof:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	7.59
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee	2.22
Merritt Brown Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	335.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	5.25
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	2.50
James A. Ellis Co., Jacksonville	39.00
Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	123.52
Douglas Baker, C. C. C., Indian River County	.72
C. M. Gay, C. C. C., Orange County	159.40
Total	$1,720.20

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 28, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Messrs. J. L. White, L. L. Stuckey and R. G. Johnson, representing Richlands, Inc., came before the Trustees and submitted the following proposition for amendment of Lease No. 18284 dated March 22, 1935, covering approximately 3130 acres of land in Pelican Bay:

> That the lease between Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, as lessor, and Richlands, Inc., as lessee, be amended to include an agreement whereby we shall have the option to purchase the lands therein described at or before the expiration of the lease for a consideration of $50.00 per acre, to be paid in twenty installments, 1/20 in cash upon the exercise of the option and 1/20 semi-annually thereafter.

Mr. White informed the Board that the corporation did not operate for profit but the land was actually used and farmed by the nine members composing the company; that since taking possession the lessee has expended more than $25 an acre, or approximately $80,000 for fixed improvements and in addition the pumping costs run from $6 to $10 an acre annually; that it is now necessary to expend an additional sum of $25 an acre for further improvements, which the Company does not feel justified in undertaking with the lease expiring in 1945.

The question of advertising having been brought up was referred to the Attorney General for opinion.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the proposal of Richlands, Inc., for option to purchase land under lease at a price of $50 an acre, be referred to Mr. Bayless and Mr. Elliot for report and recommendations, such report to be considered by the entire board in executive session at an early date—notice to be sent Mr. White of date for consideration and action on the proposal. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mrs. Charles W. Bell of Tallahassee appeared before the Trustees with reference to status of land on Lake Iamonia which the Bell family purchased years ago from the State. After paying taxes for several years purchasers were advised that the State had no authority to sell these lands and since 1930 or 1931 no taxes were paid, resulting in the issuance of tax certificates against the property and the vesting of title in the State under Chapter 18296.

The Attorney General stated that an opinion was being prepared in his office as to the legality of the issuance of tax certificates against the land.

Mr. Bayless reported that application to purchase had been made under the Murphy Act, but sale was being held up pending determination as to legality of the certificates.

Mrs. Bell requested that she be given an opportunity to purchase or lease the land when decision is reached as to the Murphy Act certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to Mr. Bayless to work out with Mrs. Bell a proposal to be reported to the Board.

Attorney General Watson presented two checks in amount of $1000 each, one from A. E. Freel and one from Arnold Oil Explorations Inc., being payments due on oil exploration contracts authorized by the Trustees. The Attorney General reported that the Contracts as executed by the Trustees had been delivered to Mr. Freel and to Mr. Arnold, pursuant to instructions of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the report of the Attorney General be accepted and the two checks in amount of $1000 each be deposited to the credit of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Report was also made that the Exploration Contract in favor of W. G. Blanchard and Associates was ready for delivery pending release by Mr. Blanchard of former oil lease granted by the Trustees which had not been surrendered and cancelled of record, which action was approved by the Trustees. Information was furnished that payment of $1000 due by Mr. Blanchard on his Oil Exploration Contract would be deducted from credits held by him with the Trustees and the State Board of Education pursuant to Minutes of September 24, 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, on behalf of the Trustees and the State Board of Education that so much as necessary of the credits held by Mr. Blanchard with the two Boards be applied to the payment of $1000 due on Oil Exploration Contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Governor stated that Mr. Arnold was still concerned about the lake bottom areas excluded from his contract which he thought were a part of the original negotiations.

Discussion was had as to whether or not the lake bottom areas were a part of Mr. Arnold's original proposal and it was ascertained that no definite description accompanied the original application. It was the unanimous opinion that it was not the intention of the Board to include the inland lakes referred to by Mr. Arnold.

In order to make the position of the Trustees clear on the question of the lake bottoms, Mr. Larson moved that it was the understanding of the Trustees throughout the negotiations that the lake bottoms were not to be included in Contract of Mr. Arnold and that the Trustees were not now considering leasing any new areas. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Mr. A. E. Freel for assignment of Oil Exploration Contract to Florida Land & Exploration, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the request be referred to Mr. Bayless and the Attorney General's office for examination and report at the next meeting of the Board. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General advised the Board that pursuant to action taken October 4, 1941, the Committee appointed by the Governor submitted the following report and recommendations on proposal of Dr. Garrett Kemp to become technical consultant for the Trustees in the exploration for oil in the State:

October 10, 1941

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building

RE: Proposal to Employ Dr. Garrett Kemp as Technical Consultant on oil explorations.

Gentlemen:

The proposal of Dr. Kemp is predicated upon the need for service, which at the present time we believe does not exist, except in the capacity of an expert advisor for the Florida Geological Survey. In fact, his services are deemed to be desirable only in so far as they can be used as an expert adviser and consultant with our State Geological Survey Department.

With this as our premise, the following seems to be the situation of which we take cognizance:

(1) The State Geological Survey has geological and some geophysical data, which under the examination, research, review and study of an expert geologist, could furnish information that might be of value in locating oil and gas or other minerals in the State.

(2) We think such an expert would have to be made subservient to the State Geological Survey set-up, and directly under the State Geologist, as an expert adviser but nevertheless subject to that supervision and control.

(3) We think any information given out, furnished by such expert adviser, ought to be from the State Geological Survey Department, and that the employment of such an expert should be with the definite understanding that all information, knowledge, and reports acquired by him or made through him would have to be under the control and direction of the State Geological Survey head and Department.

(4) The question of compensation for such an expert would have to be determined by two considerations: first, a regular salary more or less to serve as a drawing account partially commensurate with the time required of such expert, and,

second, a percentage of production royalty dependent upon future production with such limitation and identification as would be possible with reference to the relation of his services to production as made, fixing a minimum and maximum compensation for the duration of a specified period which might be repeated.

We all think that Dr. Kemp is a splendid expert in his field, and that he would be well qualified for the expert services above referred to and described, as long as his work is done under the State Geological Survey supervision.

In view of the fact, however, that it will be several months before any need arises for technical services other than can be furnished by the Geological Department of the State, your Committee recommends that the Trustees do not now employ any one as technical expert. Also when it becomes necessary to have additional assistance in this work, that the matter be handled as a part of the activities of the State Geological Department.

Respectfully submitted

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

J. EDWIN LARSON
State Treasurer

HERMAN GUNTER
State Geologist

F. C. ELLIOT
Secretary

F. E. BAYLESS
Land Clerk

The Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees adopt the report and recommendations of the Committee and that no technical consultant be employed at this time. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was submitted from the U. S. Engineer Office, War Department, Jacksonville, Florida, for spoil area in the St. Johns River.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant permit to the War Department for spoiling area in the St. Johns River. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Office directed to prepare the necessary lease or permit.

Request was presented from Mr. M. Lewis Hall, representing Everglades Drainage District, for transfer from the Trustees to the District of title to Canal right of ways.

Information was furnished that the Trustees hold title to a number of canal right of ways located within Everglades Drainage District in trust for said District, but in the early years the Trustees made reservations in deeds for canal right of ways and it had always been the opinion of the Trustees that the title should remain in the State to protect the land from litigation against the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for report as to status of title to canal right of ways within Everglades Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from C. D. Blount of Orlando, Florida, offering $100 an acre for .77 of an acre of marginal land lying between his upland and the waters of Lake Conway, Orange County. Mr. Bayless reported that the price offered was in line with other sales in that locality.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $100 an acre for the fractional acre of land adjoining Lots 20, 21, 22 and 23, Block D, Piney Woods Lake S/D. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from W. O. Brewer, Romeo, Florida, offering 25 cents per cord for stumps and deadwood located on Sections 1 and 2, Township 15 South, Range 17 East, and Sections 32 and 33, Township 14 South, Range 18 East, Levy County. Mr. Bayless reported that timber from this land was sold to T. T. Scott last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to tentatively decline offer from Mr. Brewer pending investigation by Mr. Bayless as to whether or not a flat price offer could be made for the stumps and timber. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from R. K. DeVane, Bonifay, Florida, with offer of $242.50 for the timber on the NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 30, Township 5 North, Range 16 West, Holmes County. The offer made was equal to the value placed on the timber by the Field Agent.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer of $242.50 for timber applied for by Mr. DeVane.

Offer of $75 was presented from T. A. Daniels, Branford, Florida, for pole timber on the S½ of Lot 7, Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 13 East, LaFayette County. Mr. Bayless advised that report from the Field Agent values the poles higher than the offer made.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson to decline offer of $75 and make a counter proposal to accept $100 for the pole timber on the land described. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was submitted from Dade County for permission to remove fill material from the North end of Biscayne Bay on the West side of Intra-Coastal Waterway, such material to be used in reclaiming the County Park area North of Baker's Haulover Cut.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant permit in favor of Dade County for removing fill material from the area described. Upon vote motion was adopted and permit ordered issued.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. T. G. Futch, representing the City of Leesburg, requested that the Trustees convey to the City the

> E½ of SE¼ of NW¼, SW¼ of SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 34, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, Lake County,

pursuant to authority under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941.

Opinion was heretofore rendered by the Attorney General that the Trustees were authorized to convey to municipalities any land which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, without advertisement, provided evidence was furnished that the City held title to the land when Section 9 of Chapter 18296 became operative. Payment to be amount set forth in Chapter 20424 plus one-fourth the amount of base bid to be paid into the State School Fund.

The amount required under the law having been deposited, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve sale of the above described land to the City of Leesburg and execute deed.

Mr. T. G. Futch, representing the City of Leesburg, requested that the Trustees allow a five-day minimum advertising limit on the following described land under Chapter 18296:

> E½ of NW¼ of Section 21, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County,

and that notice to former owner or person last paying taxes be waived as the land will be used for public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees authorize a minimum advertising period of five days from date of publication to date of sale for the land applied for by the City of Leesburg and that the rule be waived requiring notice given to former owner or person last paying taxes on the ground that the land is to be used as an airport in connection with National Defense, in all other respects the sale to be conducted in the usual manner prescribed by the Trustees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and so ordered.

See subject under Trustees Proper for action taken on request from Mrs. Charles W. Bell with reference to Lake Iamonia land.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	10/20/41	1
Bay	10/6/41	5
Bradford	10/4/41	1
Bradford	10/17/41	1
Broward	10/13/41	30
Columbia	10/15/41	5

Dade	9/17/41	57
Dade	9/26/41	40
Dade	10/1/41	71
Dade	10/8/41	27
Dade	10/8/41	30
DeSoto	10/13/41	4
Duval	9/24/41	87
Lake	10/13/41	40
Leon	10/6/41	28
Manatee	10/6/41	16
Marion	10/6/41	13
Nassau	10/13/41	5
Okeechobee	8/21/41	3
Okeechobee	9/30/41	2
Polk	10/20/41	1
Sumter	10/13/41	33
Volusia	10/6/41	72
Washington	9/15/41	2
Washington	10/7/41	7

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and bids accepted.

Letter was presented from G. H. Martin, Secretary Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, requesting that the Trustees allow a base bid of $1000 for advertising 325 twenty-five foot lots in the townsite of Progresso, Broward County, owned by the State under the Murphy Act, and also that the rule be waived requiring notice to former owner or person last paying taxes.

Mr. Elliot reported that the City of Fort Lauderdale wanted to acquire this property for park and recreational purposes but was not in position to pay one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value; that the Clerk had agreed to make a flat charge of $1 per lot for handling, and if the Trustees would allow a minimum bid of $1000 the City would be able to go ahead with plans for the park.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees allow advertisement of the 325 lots in Progresso with a base bid of $1000 and waive the rule requiring notice to former owner or person last paying taxes; in all other respects the sale to follow the usual procedure. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. The Secretary was directed to notify the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County of the action taken.

Attorney General Watson informed the Board that he had requested the Secretary to ascertain from each Clerk of the Circuit Court the schedule of charges made by them for handling Murphy Act sales, numerous complaints having been received as to the high fees charged by the Clerks.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the action of the Attorney General be approved by the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from the Florida Board of Forestry that the Trustees withhold from sale certain lands owned by the State under Chapter 18296 in Hamilton and Suwannee Counties, which lands are adjacent to Suwannee River State Park, and the same request in Hillsborough County in connection with Hillsborough River State Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees withdraw from sale the lands requested by the Florida Board of Forestry, as being necessary in connection with Suwannee River State Park and Hillsborough River State Park, pending arrangements for acquiring such lands, and that the Clerks of the three counties be instructed to accept no applications for advertisement and sale of the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that in all Counties where lands are selected by the Forestry Department in connection with State Parks that the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of those counties withdraw and withhold from sale such lands pending arrangements for conveyance to the Florida Board of Forestry.

Nassau County Special Case was presented to the Trustees with recommendation from the Clerk that a base bid of $300 be allowed for advertising approximately 5000 lots—aggregating 600 acres—in a subdivision known as South Hilliard, located in Sections 5 and 6, Township 2 North, Range 24 East. Report was made that the 1932 valuation was $5 per lot and no taxes had been paid since 1923 and 1924.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the Trustees defer action on Special Case from Nassau County pending investigation by the Field Agent as to character and value of the land, and information from the Clerk as to the advertising and sale costs. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, Florida, for permission to construct transmission lines across Murphy Act land in Bay, Jackson, Okaloosa and Santa Rosa Counties, the right of way desired being a strip of land 100 feet wide having an aggregate length of 15,651.5 feet.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permits in favor of Gulf Power Company, for use of a strip of land 100 feet wide across Murphy Act lands—Bay, Jackson, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa Counties—on which to construct transmission lines, upon payment at the standard rate of Fifty Cents (50c) per rod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permits ordered issued upon execution by the Governor and attest by the Secretary.

Resolution was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County requesting that the Trustees advertise all Murphy Act lands in Hillsborough County so as to place the property on the income producing side of the tax books.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the County Commissioners of Hillsborough County be advised that the Trustees did not feel that they could advertise all the lands in the County but there would be no objection to the County putting on a campaign to promote sales. Upon vote the motion was adopted, and it was ordered that the County Commissioners be advised of action taken.

Request was presented from the City of Palatka that the Trustees reconsider recent action, specifying a base bid of $2500 for advertising approximately 2900 lots within the city limits, and accept as the minimum bid $400 for approximately 1000 of the 2900 lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the matter be deferred pending information from the Clerk as to the fees charged for handling Murphy Act sales. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Volusia County Special Case was presented with offer from Paco Land Company of $600 for 249 parcels of land known as Remados S/D, lying in Sections 10, 15, 16, 17 and 20, Township 16 South, Range 31 East, Volusia County. The assessed value as of 1932 was $5,150 on the parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on Volusia County Special Case pending investigation and report from the Field Agent and information from the Clerk as to fees charged for handling Murphy Act sales. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act land in Hendry County needed in connection with State road work.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute right of way Easement in favor of the State Road Department for the following State Road:

> Hendry County—Road No. 164—Project 5002—
> SRD 152

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Easement authorized executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had received requests for release of State Road right of way reservations in Leon County and Volusia County deeds under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937. The State Road Department recommends that the requests be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that release of the reservations requested by Miss Ruby Diamond of Tallahassee, Florida, and by Mr. B. C. Hodges of Deland, Florida, be granted as follows:

> Leon County Deed No. 54-COR., dated July 14, 1941, executed in favor of Miss Ruby Diamond of Tallahassee, Florida: Release the East 50 feet of the land described in Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 1 West;

Volusia County Deed No. 705, dated July 16, 1941, executed in favor of B. C. Hodges of DeLand, Florida. Release the Easterly 60 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block "A," Holly Hill Heights.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and quit claim deeds authorized executed covering the releases granted, upon payment of $2 each deed.

Request was submitted from South Tampa Farms Drainage District for minimum bid of 25 cents an acre for advertising all Murphy Act lands owned by the State in Hillsborough County under Chapter 18296 located within the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of 25 cents an acre from South Tampa Farms Drainage District be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that the District be so advised.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had available $40,000 for transfer to the General Revenue Fund from Murphy Act sales and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue, as follows:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue Fund	$40,000.00

Upon motion the Trustees adjorned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
November 19, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees October 28, 1941, the Attorney General reported that Mr. Bayless had taken up with his office the request from A. E. Freel that Oil Exploration Contract issued in his name be assigned to Florida Land & Exploration, Inc. The Attorney General recommended that the assignment be allowed. Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly carried, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Flordia did on the 4th day of October, 1941, enter into an exploration contract and option to lease embracing State owned water bottoms and adjacent government lot lands described therein, as follows:

> OFF SHORE AREAS:
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> All water bottoms of the Gulf of Mexico within six (6) Statute miles from the ordinary high water mark of the outermost shore extending from the Alabama-Florida line on the west to the Westernmost point of St. George Island in Franklin County on the East, representing an area approximately one hundred seventy-two (172) miles long and six (6) miles wide, and
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> BAYS, SOUNDS, BAYOUS:
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> All submerged lands and water bottoms of all bays, sounds and bayous of the Gulf, and adjacent Government water front lots contiguous to such areas, and all islands therein, within the said Eastern and Western limits of the Off Shore Areas hereinabove described, and
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> RIVERS AND LAKES:
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> Only such Rivers and Lakes as are specifically named herein and which flow through natural channels into the Gulf of Mexico, as follows:
> The bottoms of that part of the Chattahoochee River in the State of Florida, and of the Apalachicola River from the junction of the Chattahoochee and Flint Rivers, down-stream to the bridge across said River on State Highway No. 10 at Apalachicola, Florida, with all water bottoms adjacent thereto, including waters of the Chipola Cutoff and of Brothers Rivers, and

> The bottoms of Chipola River with all water bottoms adjacent thereto, including the waters of the Dead Lakes with all arms and tributaries, and
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> The bottoms of Lake Wimico and of Jackson River and their tributaries with adjacent water bottoms, and
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> The bottoms of Choctawhatchee River and its tributaries from the Louisville and Nashville Railway right-of-way to the tide waters of Choctawhatchee Bay, together with the water bottoms adjacent thereto, and
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> The bottoms of the Yellow River and the Blackwater River, together with their respective tributaries and water bottoms adjacent thereto, and
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> The bottoms of Escambia River from the Alabama Line to tidewater, with its tributaries and the adjacent water bottoms thereto, and
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> The bottoms of Perdido River and tributaries in the State of Florida;
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> (It is specifically understood and agreed that this contract shall not apply to any lake, whether named herein or not, lying within or partially within, the boundaries of any State Park, nor shall this contract apply to those parts of any river or stream, whether named herein or not, within the boundaries of any State Park, nor to the upstream portion of any river or stream passing into or through any such State Park.)

with A. E. Freel of Chipley, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the said contract contained a clause numbered 5, as follows:

> "This Contract and Option may be assigned in whole or in part by Lessee upon the giving of notice to Trustees and the then consent in writing from the Lessors first obtained. Any new leases must agree to all the conditions in this Contract and Option as the same affect the involved premises."

and,

WHEREAS, the said A. E. Freel in compliance with said clause No. 5 has made application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida for its permission and approval of the assignment of the said Exploration Contract and option to lease from said A. E. Freel to the Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., a Florida Corporation organized to assume and carry out the terms of the said exploration contract and option to lease; and

WHEREAS, it appears that it is the purpose of the said Corporation to proceed to carry out the terms of the said exploration contract and option to lease,

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida that the assignment of the aforesaid exploration contract and option to lease by the said A. E. Freel to Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., a Florida Corporation, is hereby permitted and approvided; Provided, however, that by the acceptance of such assignment to it Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., a corporation, shall thereby assume to carry out and be bound by all the terms of the said Exploration Contract and Option to Lease.

The Trustees directed that executed copy of the Assignment be transmitted to Judge Rivers Buford for delivery to the proper party.

Financial Statement for the month of October is as follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1941

CHAPTER 610

Receipts for Month of October 1941

Land Sale—Dade County—Chapter 14717	$ 14.02
Land Sale—Sarasota County—Chapter 14572—Acts of 1929	25.00
Various Land Sales	6,659.68
Sand, Shell Leases	1,462.71
Timber Leases	427.09
Timber Trespass	37.50
Release of Reservations in Deeds 18160-61	7.50
Grazing Leases	274.67
Reimbursement of Advt. Cost, Land Sales	63.40

Fishing Campsite Leases	93.75	
Mineral Leases	56.25	
Turpentine Lease	103.50	
Rock Lease	37.50	
Total Receipts for October, 1941		$ 9,262.57
Balance as of October 1, 1941		196,348.09
Grand Total		$205,610.66
Disbursements during month of October 1941		2,751.71
Balance on hand as of October 31, 1941		$202,858.95

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Sept. 30,	60212	F. Elgin Bayless	$ 62.40
Oct. 24,	67010	Ed. Scott, C. C. C.	1.50
	67011	Millard Conklin, Asst. Attorney General	52.00
	67012	W. B. Granger	19.30
	67013	S. S. Savage	339.55
	67014	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
	67015	E. B. Savage	42.85
	76270	J. Edwin Larson State Treas.	64.60
	76271	County of Sarasota	714.86
	76272	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	27.00
	76273	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	31.50
	76274	W. B. Granger	26.40
	76275	Rose Printing Co.	60.00
	76276	Moon Jewelry Co.	1.75
	76277	Southeastern Telephone Co.	7.50
31,	81865	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	81866	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	81867	M. O. Barco	175.00
	81868	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	81869	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	81870	S. S. Savage	200.00
	81871	J. B. Lee	20.00
		Total Disbursements for October 1941	$2,751.71

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1941

CHAPTER 18296

Balance on hand as of October 1st, 1941	$ 75,510.61	
Total Land Sales during October, 1941	53,724.21	
Grand Total	$129,234.82	
Disbursements during October 1941	61,725.20	
Balance on hand October 31, 1941	$ 67,509.62	$67,509.62

DISBURSEMENTS DURING OCTOBER 1941

Date 1941	Warrant No.	In Favor of	Amount
Oct. 6,	63409	State Treasurer	$60,000.00
14,	68353	State Treasurer	5.00
21,	76278	Western Union Telegraph Co.	7.59
	76279	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	2.22
	76280	Merritt Brown Co.	335.00
	76281	Capital Office Equipment Co.	5.25
	76282	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.50
	76283	James A. Ellis Co.	39.00
	76284	Millard B. Conklin	123.52
	76285	Douglas Baker, C. C. C.	.72
	76286	C. M. Gay, C. C. C.	159.40
31,	81872	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	81873	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	81874	Helen Phillips	125.00
	81875	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	81876	Robert Hensley	85.00
	81877	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	81878	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	81879	M. O. Barco	25.00
	81880	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	81881	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield	100.00
		Total Disbursements for October 1941	$61,725.20

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
November 24, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:
Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees on June 25, 1941, accepted offer of $200 an acre from Henry S. Baynard, representing Clarence O. Moon, and from Byron T. Sauls, for submerged land in Pinellas County—sale to be subject to advertisement for objections as provided by law. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on the following dates: October 17, 24, 31; November 7, 14, 1941:

Tallahassee, Florida, October 11, 1941

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, November 18, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described parcels of land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

Starting at the Southeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, run North 195.00 feet along the North and South center line of said Section 1; thence run West and parallel to the South line of said Government Lot 3, Section 1, 1268.35 feet to a point of intersection with the Mean High Tide Line of Boca Ceiga Bay, said point of intersection being the Point of beginning;

Run thence North 9° 55′ 47″ West, 76.14 feet;
thence North 14° 34′ 41″ West, 140.53 feet;
thence West 245.0 feet;
thence South 11° 38′ 56″ West, 215.44 feet;
thence East 250.0 feet to the Point of Beginning,

> Lying and being in Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, Florida, and containing 0.74 acres.
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> ALSO
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> Commence at the intersection of the Southwest line of Washingtonia Avenue with the Southeast line of Villa-Grande Ave.; thence Southeasterly along said Southwest line of Washingtonia Ave., 236.98 feet to a P. O. B., thence continue Southeasterly along the Southwest line of Washingtonia Ave., 226.83 feet, to the intersection with the Government Meander Line in Section 30, Township 31 South, Range 16 East; thence following said Government Meander Line S. 29° 03′ 27″ East, 173.57 feet; thence following said Government Meander Line S. 4° 26′ 33″ West, 240.74 feet to a point, said point is 250 feet measured at right angles Southwesterly from the South line of Washingtonia Avenue; thence Northwesterly parallel to Washingtonia Avenue a distance of 800.41 feet to its intersection with the line of McAdoo Bridge; thence N. 44° 27′ 03″ East 20.13 feet; thence S. 39° 08′ 55″ East 227.93 feet; thence N. 50° 53′ 30″ East 230.78 feet to the Point of Beginning first above described. Containing 2.55 acres, more or less. All lying and being in Section 30, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No protests being filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees consummate sales of the land described in Notice to Clarence O. Moon and Byron T. Sauls at a price of $200 an acre, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered issued.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from Messrs. Gordon and Smith of Leon County Health Department, on behalf of the United States, for permission to remove sand from the Ochlockonee River to be used in making concrete pipe for sanitary drainage at Tallahassee Air Base. Permit was requested to cover a period of one year for removing up to 1000 yards of sand.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees authorize issuance of permit in favor of the United States for a period of one year within which to remove up to 1000 yards of sand from the Ochlockonee River—material to be removed without charge to the Federal Government. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted. The Permit was ordered issued.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Edgar H. Hamilton, on behalf of client, offering 25 cents an acre annually for five year grazing lease on approximately 90 acres of marginal land in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that five-year grazing lease be issued in favor of Mr. Hamilton's client, covering the marginal land described, upon payment of $25 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from J. W. McLaughlin on behalf of Roger Sherman, offering $50 for 51/100 of an acre of Sovereignty land owned by the State adjacent to property of Mr. Sherman in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that only 18/100 of an acre of the land applied for was within the three foot contour and subject to sale by the State. Recommendation was that this area be sold and permit authorized for filling the remainder, after which application could be made to purchase the filled parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that offer of Mr. Sherman be declined, but that sale of 18/100 of an acre be authorized at a price of $50 and permit given for filling 33/100 of an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County through error failed to cancel a State Certificate on Section 23, Township 44 South, Range

35 East, which land the Trustees acquired by mortgage foreclosure, and the certificate through error was sold to the Harbro Realty Company for $31.90. The certificate being void the Company desires a refund. The Clerk's office is in position to refund $23.35 and requests the Trustees to make up the difference of $8.55.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the issuance of warrant in favor of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County in amount of $8.55 as refund on account of tax certificate erroneously issued to Harbro Realty Company on Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the warrant ordered issued.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way in connection with 36th Street Causeway across Biscayne Bay at Miami, Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant the State Road Department a right of way 1320 feet on each side of the center line of 36th Street Causeway in Miami, Florida, being a strip of bay bottoms across Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Owen Walther of Jacksonville, Flordia, for five year lease for removing moss from trees in Santa Fe and Dead Lakes, offering Five Cents per hundred pounds for green moss gathered; Fifteen Cents per hundred pounds for all dry cured moss, or Thirty Cents per hundred pounds for all ginned moss.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the offer from Mr. Walther be declined, but that counter proposal be made that he submit a flat offer covering a period of five years for removal of moss from the trees in the two lakes. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

The Land Clerk was directed to notify Mr. Walther of action taken.

Mr. Bayless presented offer from J. H. Walker, Okeechobee,Florida, of $100 cash for satisfaction of Mortgage No. 17611 covering lands in Sections 31 and 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that there was a balance due on principal of the mortgage amounting to $548.10 and interest at the rate of six per cent from May 1, 1926.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Walker. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from J. J. Williams, Jr., Attorney for the City of Venice, Florida, offering $115.00 for 11.4 acres of sovereignty land in Donna Bay, Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Information was that the tract was desired in connection with certain street improvements which the City desires to undertake at an early date.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the offer of $115 be accepted for the 11.4 acres applied for by the City, the deed to contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Informal discussion was had with reference to sale of cypress timber known as Crows Bluff tract and trespass by Wilson Cypress Company on State land.

The Governor stated that an opinion by the Supreme Court recognized preferential right of purchase by Wilson Cypress Company of cypress timber and that the Attorney General's office had been requested to advise the board as to what the term "preferential right" amounted to.

Comptroller Lee asked if the Trustees had set a date to receive bids on the cypress timber and was advised that no such action had been taken; that at a recent meeting the Trustees took action that ninety (90) days from that date the Trustees would give consideration to any offer made for the timber, former action having been to withdraw the property from sale until further notice.

Suggestion of the Governor was that no sale of the Crows Bluff tract of cypress timber be made without the full membership being present, which was agreed to.

The following bills amounting to $1,811.38 were approved and warrants ordered issued in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00

Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office (part time)	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Field Agent	10.00
E. B. Savage, Assisting Field Agent	155.00
R. A. Gray, Secretary of State	6.00
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	10.00
Clearwater Publishing Co., Clearwater	22.51
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	19.00
Millard B. Conklin, Asst. Atty. Gen.	36.95
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C., Palm Beach County	1.75
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	201.72
E. B. Savage, Assistant to Field Agent	66.05
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	7.40
TOTAL	$1,811.38

Pursuant to Resolution adopted September 24th, the State Treasurer submitted the following reports which, upon motion duly seconded and carried, were adopted by the Trustees:

Tallahassee, Florida
November 21st, 1941

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Tallahassee, Florida
Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions and authority contained in Resolution of this Board under date of September 24th, 1941, I have transferred the funds maintained in Special Accounts for the Board under the provisions of Chapter 610, Laws of Florida, to an account on my records from which disbursement of funds will be made only on the Comptroller's Warrant.

September 26, 1941 .... $197,283.11

November 15, 1941

Representing Balance (Net) $197,104.11

Representing outstanding checks on Florida National Bank of Jacksonville as follows:

No.			
8553	5-27-31	Perkie Properties	100.00
8922	3-22-32	M. T. Keen	4.00
9721	9- 5-32	J. D. Wolf	50.00

Representing outstanding checks on Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville as follows:

No.				
10668	10-22-36	J. M. Sutton	5.00	
11884	1-29-41	J. Alex Arnette	20.00	
			$197,283.11	$197,283.11

Inasmuch as action has already been taken by the Board with respect to disbursements represented by the outstanding checks described above and included in the transfer, an agreement has been obtained from the Comptroller wherein he agrees to issue his Warrant covering any of the items specifically described herein which may be presented.

In order that the transfers may be a matter of record, I request that this Report be adopted and included in the minutes of this meeting.

Yours very truly

J. Edwin Larson

(Signed)

J. EDWIN LARSON, STATE TREASURER AS EX OFFICIO TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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Tallahassee, Florida
November 21st, 1941

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions and authority contained in Resolution of this Board under date of September 24th, 1941, I have transferred the funds maintained in Special Accounts for the Board under the provisions of Chapter 18,296, Laws of Florida, to an account on my records from which disbursement of funds will be made only on the Comptroller's Warrant.

September 26, 1941	$76,833.76
November 15, 1941	171.92

Representing Balance (Net) $76,379.76
Representing outstanding checks on Atlantic National Bank of Jacksonville as follows:

No.				
64	7-23-40	Abraham L. Lewis	98.00	
248	12-10-40	R. W. Saunders	255.00	
249	12-10-40	Archie R. Harris	91.00	
288	1-21-41	Langley Bell	5.00	
295	1-21-41	J. M. & Annie O. Baker	5.00	
1635	5-28-41	Charles C. Henson	80.00	
1646	6-24-41	Mary McQuarters	5.00	
1650	6-24-41	Willie O'Neal	10.00	
1655	6-24-41	Henry Lang	7.50	
1692	7-30-41	Edith Coyal Mears	36.23	
1748	8-30-41	B. H. Kennedy	14.87	
1750	8-30-41	J. N. MacFeely	5.00	
1751	8-30-41	Ezra Baggette	13.32	
			$77,005.68	$77,005.68

Inasmuch as action has already been taken by the Board with respect to disbursements represented by the outstanding checks described above and included in the transfer, an agreement has been obtained from the Comptroller wherein he agrees to issue his Warrant covering any of the item specifically described herein which may be presented.

In order that the transfer may be a matter of record, I request that this Report be adopted and included in the minutes of this meeting.

Yours very truly

J. Edwin Larson

(Signed)

J. EDWIN LARSON, STATE TREASURER AS EX OFFICIO TREASURER OF THE TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	10/29/41	38
Bay	10/20/41	3
Brevard	11/11/41	26
Charlotte	11/10/41	3
Charlotte	10/6/41	2
Citrus	10/14/41	8
Clay	10/18/41	11
Columbia	10/29/41	4
Dade	10/16/41	62
Dade	10/22/41	34
Dade	11/5/41	18
Dade	11/5/41	36
DeSoto	11/10/41	6
Dixie	10/20/41	4
Dixie	10/27/41	2
Dixie	11/10/41	4
Duval	10/29/41	62
Escambia	11/6/41	13
Flagler	10/6/41	2
Flagler	11/3/41	2
Franklin	10/6/41	4
Hamilton	11/3/41	4
Hardee	11/3/41	13
Hernando	10/27/41	3
Hernando	11/1/41	6
Hernando	11/1/41	5
Highlands	10/6/41	1
Hillsborough	10/20/41	47
Hillsborough	11/4/41	68
Holmes	10/6/41	2
Holmes	10/20/41	3
Holmes	11/3/41	2
Indian River	11/3/41	3
Jackson	10/27/41	18
Jefferson	11/10/41	7
Lafayette	10/31/41	2
Lafayette	10/31/41	4
Lafayette	11/14/41	1
Lake	11/10/41	42
Lake	11/12/41	1
Lee	9/29/41	11
Leon	11/3/41	8

Manatee	11/3/41	11
Marion	11/3/41	4
Martin (Sup.)	7/7/41	2
Martin	10/13/41	5
Martin	10/27/41	1
Okeechobee	10/27/41	8
Okeechobee	11/18/41	20
Orange	11/3/41	5
Osceola	11/3/41	6
Palm Beach	10/10/41	45
Pasco	11/4/41	15
Polk	9/30/41	57
Polk	10/30/41	42
Putnam	11/1/41	57
Sarasota	10/27/41	19
Sarasota	11/10/41	6
Seminole	11/10/41	9
St. Johns	11/14/41	16
St. Lucie	11/3/41	3
St. Lucie	11/17/41	1
Suwannee	10/6/41	12
Taylor	10/24/41	3
Volusia	11/3/41	26
Walton	10/28/41	1
Walton	11/4/41	2

DEEDS UNDER CHAPTER 20424

Dade—City of Homestead, Deed No. 3 (Municipal)

Washington—City of Chipley, Deed No. 2 (Municipal)

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the State Road Department for Right of Way easements desired in connection with State roads in Clay, Pinellas, Polk and Seminole Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute Right of Way Easements in favor of the State Road Department across Murphy Act lands necessary in connection with the following State roads:

Clay County—Road No. 259—Proj. 5650 (1246) —SRD No. 17
Pinellas County—Road No. 17—Proj. 5549—SRD No. 29
Polk County—Road No. 79—Proj. 1222C (5158) —SRD No. 350
Seminole County—Road No. 203—Proj. 5436—SRD No. 39
Seminole County—Road No. 203—Proj. 5436—SRD No. 42

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Easements ordered executed and delivered.

Letter was presented from Commissioner Nathan Mayo, requesting that the Trustees take action to prevent sale of a parcel of land at Plant City owned by the State Agricultural Marketing Board. Information was furnished that the City of Plant City deeded the site to the Marketing Board in December 1937, at which time there were outstanding tax certificates for the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1933.

Suggestion was made by Mr. Elliot that since Chapter 15641, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1931, provided for cancellation of tax certificates on lands reverting to the State, the Trustees might quitclaim the land to the Marketing Board on the ground that the certificates should never have been certified to the State under Chapter 18296.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that quitclaim deed be authorized in favor of the State Agricultural Marketing Board covering the land on which the State Market at Plant City is located. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter ordered referred to the Attorney General.

Letter was submitted from Robert A. Taylor, Miami, Florida, on behalf of F. A. Harrod, making application for ten year fishing camp lease on 32 acres of Murphy Act land on Coot Bay, approximately two miles from Cape Sable, described as follows:

> Fraction of the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 28, Township 60 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County,

for which he offers to pay $25 annually. Lease to be terminated should the land be included in Everglades National Park.

Upon discussion of the application, the Trustees were not inclined to lease the entire area for a long term, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson that a counter proposal be made to Mr. Harrod that the Trustees authorize a five (5) year lease on five acres of the land described upon payment of $25 annually, subject however to cancellation should the land be included in Everglades National Park. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from Mrs. Watt Saunders, on behalf of Stephen Foster Memorial, for cancellation of Murphy Act certificates No. 56 of 1929 and No. 316 of 1933, on four acrs of land in Hamilton County in the NE corner of Lot 2 and N½ of Lot 3, Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 15 East, desired in connection with the Memorial.

The Trustees having no authority to cancel the certificates as requested, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the parcel applied for be withdrawn from sale for the present. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary directed to have the land withheld from sale.

Further trespass was reported from S. S. Savage on State land under Chapter 18296 lying within Hernando County amounting to 41,272 feet of pine timber. Information was that H. S. Simmons of Brooksville sold the timber to R. B. Brown of the same city, being the same parties who recently committed trespass on State land. Explanation of trespass was that it was unintentional, application having been made to purchase the land with a view to consummating sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees authorize settlement of trespass on the same basis as previously agreed upon—$50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Report was submitted from Committee composed of Messrs. Mayo, Larson and Watson, appointed by the Governor July 8, 1941, to consider Special Cases under Chapter 18296, said Committee having authority to act except in case of disagreement. Report is as follows:

November 18, 1941

Trustees Internal Improvement Board
Capitol

RE: Murphy Sales in Special Cases
Held up Because of Insuffcient
Bids.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bids shown upon sheets numbering 1 to 67, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 1 to 67, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommends."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
State Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that above report be adopted as the action of the Trustees and that each Special case be disposed of as indicated on sheets submitted with report, such sheets to be filed with the records in the Secretary's office. Upon vote the motion was carried and the report adopted.

The following bills amounting to $1,209.07 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued in payment thereof:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	$ 6.59
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee	2.84
Merritt Brown Co., Jacksonville	30.36
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	.25
Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	64.03
Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
Mary Lila Willard, Typist	85.00
Robert Hensley, Typist	85.00
Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer (part time)	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer (part time)	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary (part time)	50.00
TOTAL	$1,209.07

The following refund checks were issued during November 1941, under authority of the Trustees dated November 29, 1940:

D. G. Stacy c/o Langley Bell, C. C. C. Escambia County	$ 12.50
E. O. Smith c/o W. A. Williams, Jr., C. C. C. Putnam County Palatka, Florida	25.00
S. M. Motes c/o W. A. Williams, Jr., C. C. C. Putnam County Palatka, Florida	100.00
TOTAL	$137.50

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees had available $40,000.00 for transfer to the General Revenue Fund from Murphy Act sales and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue, as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368, 1941

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$40,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 16, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee and Mr. Vose Babcock of Fort Myers came before the Board with application from Mr. Babcock to lease for grazing purposes two tracts of land in Hendry County described as follows:

1. Sections 1, 3 and 11—Township 46 South, Range 32 East, 1920 acres.
2. SE¼ & E½ of SW¼ Section 7; All Sections 9, 15, 17, 19, 21; N½ & SW¼ Section 23; N½ Section 27 and N½ Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 32 East;

   Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 32 East—5200 acres.

On tract No. 1 Mr. Babcock offers to pay 12 cents an acre annually and on tract No. 2 10 cents an acre annually.

Mr. Bayless informed the Board that Tract No. 1 covering Sections 1, 3 and 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, was at present leased to W. T. Hull, Clerk of the

Circuit Court of Hendry County, and application for renewal had been received from him with check for $192 representing lease price at 10 cents an acre annually. Mr. Hull stated that he desired to protect the improvements he had placed on the land.

Mr. Babcock informed the Board that there were no improvmeents on the land and Mr. Hull had no cattle in the area; that he desired to lease the land as he had adjacent parcels on which he had cattle which would block up with Sections 1, 3 and 11.

The Trustees advised Mr. Babcock that it was their policy to give opportunity for renewal of leases if lessee desired to meet a higher bid of another party; that if applicant wished to make a higher bid it would have to be submitted now, and Mr. Hull would be given a chance of meeting such bid and having his present lease renewed.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee that the Trustees authorize two year grazing leases in favor of Mr. Vose Babcock covering SE¼ & E½ of SW¼ Section 7; All Sections 9, 15, 17, 19, 21; N½ & SW¼ Section 23; N½ Section 27; N½ Section 29, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, and Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 32 East—5200 acres, at a yearly rental of ten cents (10c) an acre annually. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. Lease was ordered prepared and executed.

Motion was also made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Hull be given opportunity to renew his lease for one year on Sections 1, 3, and 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, upon payment of twelve cents (12c) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Applicants were informed that should Mr. Hull fail to exercise his privilege of renewal of lease on the basis of 12 cents an acre annually, lease would be executed in favor of Mr. Vose Babcock covering Tract No. 1.

Mr. W. S. Middleton, Mayor of Pomona, Florida, and Mr. Pritchard, also of Pomona, came before the Board with request for some action to relieve a situation with reference to title of certain portions of Lake Pomona. Information furnished was that the City and private individuals had trouble every time conveyance was made of any land bordering on the lake as to whether the State had an interest in a strip between the meander line and the waters' edge.

Discussion was had as to the character of the land and how it came to the State, if the State claimed ownership. Suggestion was made that to definitely dispose of the question would be to have legislative action, authorizing the Trustees to convey the questionable areas to the town or adjoining owners. Also, in order to safeguard the interests of all parties that the lands be withheld from sale, lease or other disposition pending action by the legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that resolution be adopted, withholding the lands from sale or other disposition until a special act could be gotten through the legislature authorizing the Trustees to quitclaim any interest they might have in the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo having reported, the full membership was recorded as present.

Attorney General Watson stated that he would like the Trustees to authorize the preparation of a complete history or prospectus of the different classes of land owned by the State, how they were acquired and under what statutes they may be conveyed and disposition of proceeds. The only compilation on the subject is one by Supreme Court Justice Whitfield in the Compiled General Statutes which is not as full as needed by the Trustees; that he would like to have the assistance and cooperation of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless in compiling the facts for this work.

The suggestion being approved by other members, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless cooperate with the Attorney General in furnishing information from which to prepare a complete history of the State owned lands. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. C. M. Anderson, Pierson, Florida, offering $3 an acre for Lots 6 and 11, Section 12, Township 15 South, Range 27 East—80 acres in Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the offer of $3 an acre from Mr. Anderson for the land in Volusia County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer of $6 for one year grazing lease in favor of Frank C. Wood, represented by K. E. Stello of Okeechobee, Florida, on the following described land:

> Lake bottom land between upland property owned by Mr. Wood in Section 36, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, and the 17 foot contour of Lake Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Offer of twenty-five cents (25c) an acre for renewal of grazing lease No. 121 was submitted by W. F. Bevis on behalf of M. C. Dopler, covering 189.60 acres of State land in Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County. Lease expired October 28th but application for renewal was received prior to that date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that renewal of Grazing Lease No. 121 be authorized for one year upon payment of 25 cents an acre. Upon vote motion was adopted and lease ordered renewed for one year.

Application was received from T. C. Cork, Clermont, Florida, on behalf of Ira E. Burtis, for permission to erect a boathouse over the waters of Lake Minnehaha in the town of Clermont.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that permission be given Mr. Burtis to construct the boathouse as requested. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Offer was presented from Jenny Zywicki of $165 an acre for

> SE¼of SW¼ of SW¼ and SW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ Section 5, Township 44 South, Range 36 East—10 acres in Palm Beach County

statement being made that the land adjoined her property and was desired for blocking up the area.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to sell the land applied for at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer of $100 an acre from E. M. Ivey for 1.21 acres of reclaimed land of Lake Conway, lying adjacent to upland property, being Lots 6 and 7, Block "D" Piney Woods Lakes S/D. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Two offers were submitted from T. W. Conely, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, as follows:

> $40 for approximately two and one-half (2½) acres of marginal land lying south of Government Lot 2 and north of Conners Highway in Section 35, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, and
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> $5.00 an acre for approximately 200 acres of lake bottom land lying between the 17 foot contour and the Government Dyke in Section 8, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline both offers submitted by Mr. Conley, opinion being that the prices were too low for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $100 an acre was presented from W. Gerry Miller, on behalf of client, for approximately 8 acres of sovereignty land lying adjacent to the S½ of Lot 7, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $100 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Miller, land in that vicinity having recently sold for $150 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the land be sold at a price of $150 an acre. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote duly adopted.

Offer of $50 was presented from Samuel A. Patrick, Tax Assessor of Gulf County, on behalf of client John L. Singleton, for the

> SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 9 West, Calhoun County,

statement being made that Mr. Singleton purchased the land in good faith many years ago from a party claiming ownership.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to sell the land applied for by Mr. Patrick at the price offered. It was ordered that the offer be declined.

Application was submitted from H. C. Lister, Wewahitchka, Florida, offering $200 for the

> S½ of Lot 6, Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, Calhoun County.

Information was furnished that Mr. Lister purchased the land from Calhoun Investment Company in January 1927 and has paid taxes to date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer from Mr. Lister be declined, the value placed on the land and timber by the Trustees being considerably higher. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to refer to the Attorney General the application from Fort Pierce Port District to purchase two tracts of submerged land in the City of Fort Pierce, containing 53.73 acres and 4.38 acres respectively, terms and conditions to be agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the subject ordered referred to the Attorney General.

Mr. Bayless submitted application from Colonel Gilbert A. Youngberg, on behalf of Florida Inland Navigation District, for grant of right of ways and perpetual spoil areas in Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant right of way easements and perpetual spoil areas designated as follows in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District:

> Easement for right of way in the open waters of the Indian River 500 feet wide extending from the Northerly to the Southerly boundary line of Indian River County, and
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> For Spoil Areas a perpetual easement across a strip 1250 feet wide in the Indian River, beginning at the Northerly boundary line of Indian River County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Easements ordered issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of R. Y. Creech, Belleglade, and release mineral reservations in deed conveying Lot 3 of Royal Palm Subdivision in the town of Belle Glade upon payment of $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and release authorized.

Application was presented from American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, with offer of fifty (50) cents a running rod for right of way and easement for underground cable approximately 160 rods long across the following described land:

> W½ of of NW¼ of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 24 East, Nassau County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easement as applied for by American Telephone and Telegraph Company, payment to be at the rate of 50 cents per running rod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the Trustees authorized consummation of agreement in December 1940 to sell to Mrs. W. M. Bostwick, Jr., at a price of $50 three (3) small Islands off shore from her property on the St. Johns River. It was ordered that the sale be carried out according to action heretofore taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $10 an acre for 170 acres of State land in

> Sections 22, 26 and 27, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $200 from J. E. Hollenbeck, West Palm Beach, for approximately 20 acres of sovereignty or reclaimed land South of Jupiter Inlet and Lighthouse, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following offers were submitted for State land described as:

> N½ of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East,—106.84 acres in Dade County
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> Congreve Jackson bid $1750.00.
> E. Albert Pallot bid $1800.00

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offers of Messrs. Congreve and Pallot be declined on the ground that they were too low. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers declined.

Mr. Bayless presented report from Mr. J. Vema Keen, Attorney of Tallahassee, that trespass was being committed on timber owned by the State located on Lake Miccosukee, Jefferson County.

Mr. Bayless stated that investigation shows some timber has been cut but was unable to determine the location of Government Meander line without survey and desired to know if survey should be made.

Upon suggestion of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that approximate description of the land be ascertained and request for bids on cost of survey be asked. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Mayo moved that pending the outcome of the survey the land be posted against trespass. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that recent investigation revealed trespass had been committed on State land in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 12, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County, and approximately 500,065 feet of timber had been cut and removed by C. R. Lee of Homestead, Florida. Information was that the State sold Mr. Lee timber in 1938 and it was while carrying on operations under lease that the trespass was committed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the facts in the case be referred to the Attorney General with request that action be taken to collect damages. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $50 from Julius F. Stone, Jr., of Key West, Florida, for the purchase of two small islands, comprising approximately two (2) acres off shore from his property on Boca Chica Key, which he desires to use as fill and reclamation work on his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of $50 be accepted for the two islands applied for by Mr. Stone. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Application was submitted from E. Albert Pallot, Miami, Florida, on behalf of client, for Lots 3 and 4, and the N½ of SW¼ of Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East —186.94 acres in Dade County.

Motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to sell the land applied for by Mr. Pallot at the price offered—$10 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Offer of $100 an acre was submitted from H. P. Adair, representing the devisees of the estate of James Deering, for twenty-one (21) acres of sovereignty land adjacent to upland property owned by the Estate on the West side of Key Biscayne located in Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $100 an acre for the tract of land applied for by the Deering Estate. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Application was presented from H. P. Adair, on behalf of the James Deering estate, to purchase nine (9) shoal areas off shore from Key Biscayne, comprising approximately 470 acres, from which to obtain fill material and as protection for adjacent property. An offer of $12,000 was made for the parcels and it was agreed that sale be made subject to the following conditions:

1. No part of the property to be bulkheaded, filled or any improvements constructed thereon without written consent of the Trustees having first been obtained.
2. Grantee shall be entitled to take from such shoals, or any part of them, without further payment to the Trustees, up to but not exceeding 1,200,000 cubic yards of sand, gravel, material or fill (measured in place) and to deposit the same upon the upland above referred to and the 21 acre tract of submerged land applied for in the foregoing paragraph.
3. Grantees shall have the right to take from such shoal areas, or from any part of them, and to deposit on the upland property above referred to and upon the said twenty-one acres off shore and submerged lands adjoining the upland, such additional gravel, sand, material or fill as the

> grantees may choose to take in addition to the 1,200,000 yards, and pay to the Trustees, or their successors in office, therefor the sum of one cent (1c) per cubic yard (measured in place) within sixty days after taking the same.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $12,000 for the nine (9) shoal areas applied for by the Deering Estate, such sale to be subject to the conditions 1, 2 and 3 recited above. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized.

Mr. Bayless presented request of Judge Rivers Buford, on behalf of himself and Associates, for leasing water bottoms of the Choctawhatchee River from the Alabama State line to the L. & N. Railroad Bridge in Holmes County, together with adjacent Government lot lands bordering the bottoms of said river; also land areas as indicated on map attached to application.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee that no action be taken at this time but that the matter be referred to Mr. Bayless for ascertaining whether or not the lands applied for were all State lands proper or Murphy Act lands. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application was presented from Lieutenant A. J. Fay, on behalf of the United States Naval Station at Key West, Florida, for permission to deposit fill material on certain State owned land in the vicinity of Key West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize permit without cost in favor of the United States for using certain State land in the vicinity of Key West on which to deposit spoil material. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the permit authorized.

The Trustees on October 21, 1941, voted to advertise for competitive bids on December 9th certain State land in Okeechobee County and the following Notice was published in the Okeechobee News on November 7, 14, 21 and 28 and December 5, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offers for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, December 9, 1941, for lands in OKEECHOBEE County, Florida, described as follows:

> All Sections 1, 2, 3; All Frac. Sections 4, 5, 10 N. of Kissimmee River; All Frac. Sections 11, 13;
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> All Section 12, Township 38 South, Range 34 East, containing 3,902.26 acres, more or less, in Okeechobee County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

A quorum of the Trustees not being present on the 9th of December, two members of the board received bids and the Land Clerk was directed to compile such bids and report results to the Trustees on this date.

Based on statement from Mr. Conely that acreage by survey would disclose about 400 acres less than that advertised, it was understood that sale would be on the basis of acreage by actual survey.

Mr. Bayless reported that a number of persons were present and bid on the land advertised in Okeechobee County, first on separate tracts and second on the entire tract, the principal bidders being Mr. Millard B. Caldwell, Tallahassee, Florida, representing R. E. Padgett, C. E. Draughtie and C. T. Hart, lessees of the land, and Judge T. W. Conely, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, representing John Edwards, Roy Edwards and Leland Pierce. Other bidders were E. M. Meserve, Nathan Zelmenovitz and Roscoe Bass on behalf of M. A. Smith. Mr. Caldwell, on behalf of clients requested that the following statement be copied into the record before bidding began:

> December 9, 1941
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> Before the lands in Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in Township 38 South, Range 34 East, are offered for sale, and before any bids have been submitted thereon, I desire to make this statement

to the Trustees and to those who may be interested in the sale.

A considerable portion of these lands has recently been held or is now held by R. E. Padgett, C. E. Draughtie and C. T. Hart. About a year and a half ago, these gentlemen leased these lands, after having first applied for the privilege of purchasing them. The State advised these men that the lands were not for sale but that they could be leased. When the lands were leased, they, acting upon the information given them, to the effect that the lands were not for sale, invested all they had and, in addition, incurred heavy obligations for the purchase of cattle to be placed thereupon.

It now develops that upon the application of someone other than the lesees for whom I speak, the property has been offered for sale. Recognizing the fact that the group using this property, under lease, would be financially destroyed if the lands were sold from under them, they wrote to the Trustees and offered to purchase the property at what they considered to be a reasonable price.

The lessees want the Trustees and all others who may be interested to know that, because of the high water, it will be impossible to remove the cattle now on the lands for some months, if the lands are sold to third parties. A considerable portion of the southern sections is under water and, in that area, probably no more than forty acres can be safely traversed by horses. And we want now to give the Trustees notice that we will, if the lands are sold to third parties, apply for and exert every effort to secure the right to remove the cattle from these lands without jeopardizing their safety and without exhorbitant cost.

The men for whom I speak, recognizing the seriousness of the situation, are willing to go much further than normally they would, because, having acted upon the assumption that these lands were not for sale, and having heavily obligated themselves, they are willing to make every possible sacrifice to the end that their life savings and investments may be protected and their obligations discharged. They will go so far as to pay any reasonable sum for the fee, or will enter into a five year lease, at 25c per acre, even though the Trustees' appraisers have determined that a 15c per acre rental is fair, or will even enter into a ten year lease at 25c per acre, if by doing so they may save their property.

These men find it necessary now, in advance of all bidding, to advise all who may be interested in this property that they will make every effort to protect their interests. They will, if these lands are sold to third parties, appear before the Trustees and ask that in equity and justice all bids be rejected and sufficient time be allowed them economically and safely to dispose of their holdings, and to do whatever else may appear necessary or advisable to the end that their interests may be safeguarded.

We ask that this statement, which has been read in full to the Trustees and to those present interested in bidding on the property, be made a part of the record of these lands.

Compilation of the bids resulted in the highest and best bids being submitted by Judge Conely, on behalf of his clients, by separate tracts as follows:

No 1.—All Secs. 12 and 13 East of Levee in Township 38 South, Range 34 East,

Bid of T. W. Conely, on behalf of Clients—$18.00 an acre

No. 2—All Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, West of Levee, Township 38 South, Range 34 East,

Bid of T. W. Conely, on behalf of clients—$9.00 an acre

No. 3—All Sections 10 and 11, Township 38 South, Range 34 East,

Bid of T. W. Conely, on behalf of clients—$10.60 an acre

All Sections 12 and 13, West of Levee, Township 38 South, Range 34 East,

Bid of T. W. Conely, on behalf of clients—$10.60 an acre

No. 4—All Section 1 and all Section 2 East of Levee, Township 38 South, Range 34 East,
Bid of T. W. Conely, on behalf of clients—$18.75 an acre

Total bid covering the above described lands aggregating 3,570.94 acres—$46,611.50.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee that the Trustees accept bids made by Judge T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of John Edwards, Roy Edwards and Leland Pierce, totaling $46,611.50, being the highest and best bid for the land in Okeechobee County as described in the foregoing notice. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote duly adopted. Whereupon the bid of $46,611.50 was accepted.

Mr. Bayless informed the board that the Trustees also on October 21, 1941, authorized advertisement for competitive bids of land in Glades and Hendry Counties and that notices were published as follows:

Notice published in the Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Florida, on November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, December 9, 1941, for lands in GLADES County, Florida, described as follows:

Section 16, Township 38 South, Range 32 East;
Section 16, Township 41 South, Range 28 East,
NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 6, Township 40 South,
Range 28 East, Glades County, Florida

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees and the Board reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Also Notice published in the LaBelle County News, LaBelle, Hendry County, Florida, on November 6, 13, 20, 27 and December 4, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, December 9, 1941, for lands in HENDRY County, Florida, described as follows:

> Sections 13, 16, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;
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> Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East;
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> Sections 19, 20, 30 and 31 and 32, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;
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> Sections 3, 15, 16, 22, 27, 28 and 34, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;
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> Sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30; W½ Sec. 31; E½ Secs. 32 and 34, Township 46 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees and the Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

The following bid was received on State land in Glades County:

> NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 6, Township 40 South, Range 28 East—42.05 acres—Trustees' land—Bid of $1.50 an acre by W. H. Jackson an behalf of Lykes Brothers.

And the following bid received from W. H. Jackson on behalf of Lykes Brothers:

> All Sections 13, 16 (School), 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East; All Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East; All Sections 3, 15, 16 (School), 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 34, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;

All Sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16 (School), 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32 and 34, Township 46 South, Range 34 East—Total acreage 22,543.22. Bid of $1.50 an acre from W. H. Jackson on behalf of Lykes Brothers for above described land in Hendry County.

A telegram having been received from Mr. Jackson, requesting that action be deferred on bids of Lykes Brothers, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that disposition of bids on lands in Glades and Hendry Counties be deferred until a later meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Request was submitted from Dade County that deeds be issued pursuant to Chapters 21171 and 21172, Acts of 1941 Legislature, one parcel containing 1080 acres and the other 148 acres. Information was that the request is similar to others where conveyance was authorized by special Act of the Legislature and a price of $2.50 was agreed upon as an amount to be paid the School Fund—the Trustees waiving its equity.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the conveyance of Dade County land as authorized by Chapters 21171 and 21172, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, be made upon payment of $2.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $45 an acre from B. C. Achemire, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for Tract 29, Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County—Newman's Survey. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Offer of $5 an acre was received from Ed C. Harvell, Gull Point, Florida, for the purchase of the N½ of SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 26 West, Santa Rosa County.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees accepted offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Harvell for the land described in application.

Application was received from T. W. Conely, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of Hugh Chandler, offering $10 for one year grazing lease on an island lying near the mouth of the Kissimmee River in Lake Okeechobee, containing 40 acres. It was explained that the island was located within the easement granted to the United States but the Government has no objections to issuance of the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Island applied for by Mr. Chandler be leased to him for a period of one year for grazing purposes upon payment of $10.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $84 was presented from A. E. Morgan, Perry, Florida, for the purchase of NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 4 South, Range 8 East, Taylor County.

Mr. Mayo moved that the offer of $84 from Mr. Morgan be accepted for the land in Taylor County described in application. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Application presented from Dade Discount Company, offering $25 for approximately one acre of Mud Flat south of Key Biscayne Shoal No. 5—the parcel to be used as a fishing camp.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that one year lease be authorized in favor of Dade Discount Company upon payment of $25 covering one acre of land as described above. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Request was presented from Layton, Gray & Waldo, Attorneys of Gainesville, Florida, on behalf of clients, for quitclaim deed to the W½ of Block 4, S. C. Moore's Addition to High Springs—the land being located in Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 17 East, Alachua County. Statement was made that a party by the name of Wimberly secured title from the holder of a tax deed to this property June 15, 1893, and on June 16, 1893, Wimberly and wife executed quitclaim deed to the State of Florida. Records in the Land Office do not show that the State claims any interest in the land and certificate from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County shows taxes paid up through 1940. Quitclaim deed from the State will clear defect in title.

Based on the above representation, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in favor of clients of Layton, Gray

& Waldo to the land described. Upon vote motion duly adopted and deed ordered issued.

Offer of $10 an acre was presented from Victor M. Carter of New York, for the NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 8, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer from Mr. Carter of $10 an acre for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was submitted from Ernest Durrance of Lake Placid, Florida, offering $40 for one year grazing lease on the E½ of SW¼ and SE¼ of Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $40 for one year grazing lease on the land above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Request was presented from Ernest R. Graham, on behalf of Herman Boyd, for grazing lease on Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and adopted, the Trustees authorized one year grazing lease issued in favor of Herman Boyd covering the land applied for upon payment of 10c an acre. Lease was ordered drawn.

Application was presented from J. T. Jones, Trenton, Florida, offering $40 for the SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 16 East, Levy County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the field examination shows approximately 20 acres of this land as high, the balance in a mud lake. The value placed on the tract is higher than the offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the offer of $40 from Mr. Jones be declined. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $565 from Gibbons, Vega and Gibbons for 564.15 acres of submerged land adjacent to property of applicant located at the mouth of the Alafia River in Hillsborough County, the Trustees being of the opinion that the offer was entirely too low. Upon vote the motion was adopted and offer declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that offer of $5 per thousand be declined for timber remaining on State land in Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer rejected.

Request for renewal of Grazing Lease was presented from A. V. Coker of Zolfo Springs, Florida, covering the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 26 East—Hardee County—offering $6 for such renewal.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize one year renewal of Grazing lease in favor of Mr. Coker on the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered renewed.

Application was presented from T. L. Moore of Tallahassee, Florida, offering $10 an acre for approximately 15 acres of land lying between property owned by him and Munson's Pond in the NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County. An alternate proposal was made to lease the land for five years upon payment of $5 if the board did not feel disposed to sell.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Moore purchased the land thinking it was lake front property and later found the State owned a strip between his land and the Lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo to lease the land for a period of five years upon payment of $5 annually. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote duly adopted.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that consideration of the applications of Chester B. Treadway and J. Ray Arnold for oil leases on State land be deferred until the full membership of the Trustees could be present. Upon vote the motion was duly adopted.

Mr. A. R. Richardson, Tallahassee, representing Luther Jones of Belle Glade, Florida, reported that the 520 acres of land in Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, on which the board placed a price of $15 an acre, were badly burned and his clients felt the price was too high. A counter offer of $12 an acre was made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the proposal be held pending investigation of the tract by the Land Clerk. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to make an examination and report.

Mr. A. R. Richardson requested that the Trustees reconsider application from United States Sugar Company for exchange of land, offer recently made having been turned down.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that consideration of the application of United States Sugar Company be set as special order at the meeting of the Trustees December 23, 1941. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that bill from Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Attorney of Miami, for expenses incurred in connection with services rendered the Trustees in the Rorick suits, was accompanied by a letter from the Attorney General suggesting that Everglades Drainage District be requested to pay one-half the expense bill as the District was beneficiary of the services of Mr. Hall.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees were of the opinion that Everglades Drainage District would not be disposed to pay part of Mr. Hall's expenses as they had lawyers employed at the time whose expenses they were paying, and while the District did benefit as a result of Mr. Hall's services, he was employed by the Trustees to represent them.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the bill presented by Mr. Hall be paid by the Trustees, less amounts already paid and less the item of $500 for office expense, which the Trustees felt should be paid by Mr. Hall from his fee. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that the Comptroller be requested to draw warrant in amount of $903.90.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees on September 24, 1941, authorized conveyance to the United States of a parcel of land in Duval County, necessary in connection with the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida, consideration being the cost of advertising the land as required by law. The following notice was published in The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Florida, on November 3, 10, 17, and 24 and December 1, 1941:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 28, 1941

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, December 9, 1941, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described parcels of land in DUVAL County, Florida:

> ''For point of reference commence at a point where the line dividing unsurveyed Sections 29 and 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, Duval County, intersects the North boundary of a tract of land conveyed to the United States of America by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida by Deed recorded in the Current Public Records of Duval County, Florida, in Deed Book 702, Pages 140 and 141, and re-recorded in said Current Public Records in Deed Book 702, Pages 477 and 478;
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> and run thence along the boundary of said land thus conveyed to the United States of America—first course—South 72° 40′ 45″ West, a distance of 259.9 feet; second course—South 63° 25′ 45″ West, a distance of 701 feet; third course—South 42° 49′ 15″ East, a distance of 200 feet for Point of Beginning.
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> From the point of beginning thus described run along the South boundary of the aforementioned tract of land, which was conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, to the United States of America—first course: North 62° 55′ 15″ East, a distance of 1,096.2 feet; second course: North 78° 29′ 15″ East, a distance of 699.9 feet; third course: South 74° 30′ 45″ East, a distance of 1,399.7 feet; fourth course: South 66° 30′ 45″ East, a distance of 350 feet; run thence South 15° 59′ 02″ West, a distance of 1,850 feet to a point near high water mark on the South side of Ribault Bay; run thence North 61° 00′ West, following approximate high water mark of Ribault Bay, a distance of 2,600 feet; continue thence along high water mark of Ribault Bay North 72° 32′ West, a distance of 352.9 feet until a point is reached where the line thus being run intersects the meander of the South shore of the St. Johns River as run by Henry

> Washington in the year 1834; run thence South 83° 58′ West along said Washington Meander, a distance of 212.9 feet to a point which bears due South from the Point of Beginning; run thence North 309 feet to the Point of Beginning.
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> The land thus described is a submerged portion of Sections 29 and 30, Township 1 South, Range 29 East, lying in that portion of the head waters of Ribault Bay, which is rapidly being reclaimed by hydraulic filling and contains 96.26 acres, more or less, lying and being in Duval County, Florida."

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No protest being filed or presented, sale was ordered consummated to the United States upon payment of $65.65—the cost of advertising.

Letter was presented from Mr. Guy J. Bender, Chief Everglades Fire Control District, making application for a parcel of State land on which to erect an observation tower, a suggested site being in Section 28, Township 48 South, Range 38 East.

Upon consideration of the request, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Permit in favor of Everglades Fire Control District for use of five (5) acres of land in the form of a square, the location to be in one of the corners of Section 28, Township 48 South, Range 38 East—Broward County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Permit ordered issued.

Report was presented from the Attorney General on the question of sale by the Trustees of lands which came to the Fund by virtue of Everglades Drainage tax sale certificates, under settlement with the District pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931. Recommendation of the Attorney General was that the Trustees continue to make sales as heretofore, with notice to Everglades Drainage District of such intention.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees continue the sale of lands owned by virtue of Everglades Drainage tax sale certificates. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following bills amounting to $2,696.08 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Sec. & Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office (part time)	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Field Agent	10.00
E. B. Savage, Assisting Field Agent	130.00
Mickler & Mickler, St. Augustine, Fla.	44.12
R. J. Duff, Tampa, Fla.	18.95
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C., Palm Beach Co.	8.55
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	23.25
S. S. Savage, Ocala, Fla.	132.55
E. B. Savage	44.70
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.	9.00
The Hendry County News, LaBelle, Fla.	12.19
Glades Printing Company, Moore Haven, Fla.	8.67
The Florida Time Union, Jacksonville, Fla.	65.65
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	9.55
M. Lewis Hall, Miami, Fla.	903.90
TOTAL	$2,696.08

Financial Statements for the month of November 1941, are as follows:

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Financial Statement for the Month of November, 1941

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$ 8,701.64
Land Sales—Lake Bottom	57.75
Land Sale—Sarasota County—Chpt. 14572	50.00

Sand & Shell Leases	1,043.81
Mineral Leases	92.03
Rock Leases	37.50
Saw Grass Lease	34.65
Grazing Lease	7.50
Pipe Line R/W	375.00
Cedar Stumps	5.76
Fishing Campsite	37.50
Advertising cost in connection with sale to Bessemer Properties	18.00
Reimbursement by Standard Fire Ins. Co. for damages to Launch Josephine in Hurricane October 7, 1941	152.60

Total Receipts for November, 1941	$ 10,613.74
Balance as of November 1, 1941	202,858.95
Grand Total	$213,472.69
Disbursements during month of November, 1941	2,432.48
Balance on Hand as of November 31, 1941	$211,040.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Nov. 29,	103670	F. C. Elliot	$ 400.00
	103671	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	103672	M. O. Barco	175.00
	103673	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	103674	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	103675	S. S. Savage	200.00
	103676	J. B. Lee	10.00
	103677	E. B. Savage	155.00
	110923	R. A. Gray, Sec. State	6.00
	110924	Postmaster, Tallahassee	10.00
	110925	Clearwater Publishing Co.	22.51
	110926	W. B. Granger	19.00
	110927	Millard B. Conklin	36.95
	110928	J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C.	1.75
	110929	S. S. Savage	201.72
	110930	E. B. Savage	66.05
	110931	Southeastern Telephone Co.	7.40
3,	88098	State Treas. of Florida	621.10
		Total Disbursements for November, 1941	$2,432.48

See Minutes Jan. 27, 1942 for detail on Warrant No. 88098.

CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1941

Restoration of outstanding checks, under Chapter 18296 issued prior to Sept. 1, 1941, drawn on Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Florida, as follows:

Date	Payee	No.	Amount
5-28-41	Charles C. Henson	1635	$ 80.00
6-24-41	Mary McQuarters	1646	5.00
6-24-41	Willie O'Neal	1650	10.00
6-24-41	Henry Lang	1655	7.50
7-30-41	Edith Coyal Mears	1692	36.23
8-30-41	B. H. Kennedy	1748	14.87
8-30-41	J. N. McFeeley	1750	5.00
8-30-41	Ezra Bagette	1751	13.32

Total Restored	$171.92	$ 171.92
Total Land Sales during November, 1941		42,981.44
Total Receipts for the month		$ 43,153.36
Balance on hand November 1, 1941		67,509.62
Grand Total		$110,662.98
Less Disbursements for November, 1941		81,697.57
Balance on Hand November 30, 1941		$ 28,965.41

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1941

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Nov. 1,	87337	J. Edwin Larson, Sta. Treas.	$40,000.00
21,	93119	J. Edwin Larson, Sta. Treas.	91.00
	93120	J. Edwin Larson, Sta. Treas.	5.00
	93121	J. Edwin Larson, Sta. Treas.	255.00
29,	103678	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	103679	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	103680	Helen Phillips	125.00
	103681	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	103682	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	103683	Robert Hensley	85.00
	103684	Laura Hartsfield	100.00
	103685	Jentye Dedge	25.00

103686	M. O. Barco	$ 25.00
103687	F. C. Elliot	50.00
107842	J. Edwin Larson, Sta. Treas.	40,000.00
110932	D. G. Stacy	12.50
110933	E O. Smith	25.00
110934	S. M. Motes	100.00
110935	Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.59
110936	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	2.84
110937	Merritt-Brown Co.	30.36
110938	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	.25
110939	Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	64.03
110940	Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
110941	Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00

Total Disbursements for November, 1941 $81,697.57

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Financial Statement for November 1941

RECEIPTS

Oct. 31, 1941 Oil Leases $1,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

Nov. 30, 1941 Balance $1,500.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Discussion was had as to terminating services of several employees on work under Chapter 18296 in the office of the Secretary of the Board. Agreement having been reached, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the temporary services of Mrs. Laura Hartsfield Ray, Mrs. Mary Lila Willard and Mr. Robert Hensley be terminated as of January 1, 1942, and that notice be given immediately. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was then made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the three employees whose services were terminated by the foregoing motion be relieved of duty as of this date and salary of each for the full month of December 1941 be paid immediately. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

It was agreed and definitely understood that hereafter no person would be employed by the Trustees until such person's name had first been presented to the full membership and agreed on by the Board at a regular meeting.

Comptroller Lee stated that if it was found Mr. Elliot would need additional employees he would like to recommend Mr. J. R. Roberts, formerly of Lake City, and Mr. Larson recommended Mr. John Moore, former Superintendent of Public Instruction for Franklin County.

The two recommendations were ordered held for further consideration.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the board and were submitted for consideration of the board.

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	11/19/41	8
Baker	11/29/41	1
Bay	11/10/41	14
Bay	11/24/41	2
Bradford	11/17/41	1
Broward	11/17/41	74
Columbia	11/19/41	4
Columbia	12/3/41	6
Dade	11/26/41	43
DeSoto	12/5/41	3
Dixie	11/17/41	1
Gadsden	11/14/41	7
Gadsden	11/14/41	
	12/2/41	2
Hamilton	12/8/41	6
Hardee	12/1/41	6
Hendry	11/24/41	194
Hillsborough	11/17/41	70

Holmes	11/24/41	2
Indian River	12/1/41	3
Jackson	11/24/41	15
Jefferson	12/8/41	10
Leon	12/1/41	23
Manatee	12/1/41	16
Marion	12/1/41	17
Martin	11/17/41	3
Nassau	11/10/41	19
Okeechobee	11/25/41	1
Osceola	11/24/41	35
Palm Beach	11/7/41	27
Pasco	12/2/41	16
Pinellas	11/18/41	70
Santa Rosa	8/4/41	2
Santa Rosa	10/6/41	11
Santa Rosa	11/10/41	4
Seminole	12/8/41	9
Sumter	11/24/41	14
Union	11/17/41	2
Volusia	12/1/41	23
Walton	11/18/41	9
Walton	12/2/41	2
Walton	12/8/41	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bids accepted.

Leon County Municipal Deed No. 4 and Sarasota County Municipal Deed No. 5, authorized by Chapter 20,424, Acts of 1941 Legislature, were presented for approval, the amounts called for in each deed having been deposited with the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the two Municipal Deeds presented be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following deeds presented by the Secretary be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

Clay County Deed No. 93—Cor.
Dade County Deed No. 77—Cor.
Duval County Deed No. 1214—Cor.
Hillsborough County Deed No. 909—Cor.
Hillsborough County Deed No. 1067—Cor.
Hillsborough County Deed No. 1070—Cor.
Hillsborough County Deed No. 1015—Duplicate
Osceola County Quit Claim Deed No. 144
Osceola County Quit Claim Deed No. 209
Volusia County Quit Claim Deed No. 452
Volusia County Quit Claim Deed No. 469
Sumter County Deed No. 80 (Sale of 4-22-40 not approved owing to discrepancy now cleared up.)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and transmitted.

Application was presented from John H. McKay on behalf of Greenville Aviation School of Ocala, Florida, for lease of certain land which came to the State under Chapter 18296, with an offer of 25 cents an acre annually. Application recited that the State land was needed as an auxiliary landing field during the war emergency and the School would like an annual lease renewable from year to year on the following described land:

E¼ of SE¼ of NE¼ Ex 210 ft Square in SW Cor, Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 21 East, 9 acres
E½ of W½ of SE¼ of NE¼, Section 27, Township 14 South, Range 21 East, 10 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue permit in favor of Greenville Aviation School, renewable from year to year for duration of the war emergency upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered issued.

Letter was presented from Mr. Thos. W. Bryant on behalf of Lakeland School of Aeronautics, making application to lease the following lots, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15—Block A
Lots 7 and 8—Block B
Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, 8—Block C
Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14—Block D
Located in Marler-Goodyear Subdivision, Lake

Crystal Heights, a S/D of E½ of NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 27, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, Polk County.

It was stated that the lots were desired for use as an auxiliary airport landing field in connection with Haldeman-Elder Auxiliary Field.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue permit in favor of Lakeland School of Aeronautics covering the lots described, renewable from year to year for duration of war emergency, upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered issued upon acceptance of terms by the applicant.

Upon consideration of request from the State Road Department, motion was made by Mr. Mayo. seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easements for right of way in connection with the following State Roads:

Dade County			
Lejeune Road	Proj. 5627		SRD .1
Dade County			
Road No. 271	Proj. ——		SRD .1
Jefferson County			
Road No. 42	Proj. 5042	(738)	SRD 84
Okaloosa County			
Road No. 165	Proj. 1160C	(5251)	SRD .21
Washington County			
Road No. 90	Proj. 1154	(5618)	SRD .20

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Easements ordered executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that following action of the Trustees on September 24th, granting easements to the State Road Department over Murphy Act land in Seminole County, the Department had requested an additional easement of twenty-five feet in order to have a 50 foot right of way from the State—individual property owners to be required to furnish similar right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department for additional easement across Murphy Act land in Seminole County, being a strip of land 50 feet wide located in the SW¼ of NE¼ and along the South boundary of the SW¼ of SE¼ of NE¼, Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 29 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easement authorized in favor of the State Road Department..

Application was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County requesting that the Trustees allow base bid of $57 for advertising 57 lots in Broward County to be used by the County as a rock pit from which to obtain rock for State and County road work. Statement was made that the County proposed paying former owners and securing quitclaim deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $57 as base bid for lots applied for by the County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

The Secretary reported that several special cases were ready for consideration and disposition.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Special Committee appointed by the Governor July 8, 1941, to consider Special Cases continue to act in such capacity and cases presented by the Secretary be referred to such Committee for disposition. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Governor requested that the committee composed of Messrs. Mayo, Larson and Watson continue to act in such capacity.

The following bills amounting to $1,362.11 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment thereof:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	$ 3.80
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	.48
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	11.78
Capital Office Equip Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	185.05
Corporation Service Co. of Florida, Tallahassee, Fla.	3.20
The H. & W. B. Drews Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	1.45
Christie Hall Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.	8.00
The Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak, Fla.	2.25
Wm. Logan Hill, Clerk Dist. Court of U. S.	6.00
Tiffany Turnbull, Atty. Gen.'s Office	5.55
Millard B. Conklin, Asst Attorney General	89.55

Mary Lila Willard, Stenographer	85.00
Robert Hensley, Clerk	85.00
Mrs. Laura Hartsfield, Verifier	100.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
TOTAL	$1,362.11

The following refund check was issued during the month of December 1941 under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Raymond Mulloy c/o Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	$150.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 19, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

TRUSTEES AND MURPHY ACT

Mr. Elliot stated that in connection with bombing permit authorized to be issued to the United States War Depart-

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ment covering lands in Palm Beach County, there were additional adjoining sections which came to the State under Chapter 18296 desired by the War Department to be included among those lands already authorized, and that he recommended the issuance of such permit to cover the following described land, all in Palm Beach County, Florida:

(a) Title to lands under Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, 1937:

All sections 11 and 23 in Township 44 South, Range 40 East, Tallahassee Meridian, containing 1,280 acres, and

(b) Title to lands under Chapter 610, Laws of Florida, 1855:

Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Hiatus between Townships 44 and 45 South, Range 40 East, containing 432.33 acres, and

Sections 12, 13, 24 and 25 of Township 44 South, Range 39 East, containing 2,560 acres, and

Sections 3, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19, 21, 27 and 29 in Township 44 South, Range 40 East, containing 5,760 acres.

Representing an aggregate total of 10,032.33 acres, all lying and being in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Mayo moved that permit covering this additional area be granted. Seconded by Mr. Larson and unanimously adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 23, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Application was presented from Byron T. Sauls, St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of the town of Gulfport, offering $10.00 an acre for 8.54 acres of sovereignty land in the SW¼ of NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County—the land to be used for public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the off of $10 an acre plus cost of advertising for the land applied for by the town of Gulfport conditioned that deed contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Offer of $10 an acre was presented from Darrell Smith, Pahokee, Florida, for the purchase of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Township 45 South, Ranges 36/37 East, containing 384.00 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline the offer of $10 an acre from Mr. Smith for the lots in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Thompson Enterprises, Inc., of Key West, Florida, made application for permit to remove approximately 35,000 cubic yards of fill material from State land for reclaiming upland property owned by them. It was stated that it would be necessary to drill holes three feet apart and pack with dynamite in order to loosen the material for excavating, and owing to excessive cost permit was requested without charge.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Thompson Enterprises, Inc., for removing 35,000 cubic yards of fill material from land adjacent to upland ownership upon payment of two (2) cents per cubic yard. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $300 from H. C. Lister of Wewahitchka, Florida, for the S½ of Lot 6, Section 1, Township 6, South, Range 9 West, Gulf County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined on the ground that the appraised value of the land was considerably higher than the offer.

Application was presented from Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line, Fort Myers, Florida, for extension of one year on dredging permit which expires April 2, 1942. Statement was made that the Company desires to bid on furnishing material in connection with Naples Airport Project but could not submit bid unless an extension was given.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of Dredging Permit in favor of Kinzie Brothers Steamer Line for a period of one (1) year on the same terms and conditions prevailing in the present lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was made by Florida Inland Navigation District for right of way easement and perpetual spoil area in the Indian River, Martin County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the United States for right of way and perpetual spoil areas in Martin County as applied for by Florida Inland Navigation District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the United States Navy Department for title to three (3) small keys known as Salt Pond Keys in the vicinity of Key West, the areas being desired for further development of the Naval Operating Base at Key West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request of the United States Navy Department be granted and transfer of the keys authorized. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the application from Fort Pierce Port District to acquire 58.11

acres of sovereignty land be held pending return of the Attorney General, the matter having been referred to him for report. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Proposal was submitted from Blumenfeld Company of Memphis, Tennessee, offering $2 per ton for Mussel Shells to be removed from the Dead Lakes and its tributaries in Gulf and Calhoun Counties.

Upon discussion of the offer it was the opinion of the Trustees that in the event of lease being entered into one of the requirements should be establishment of a button factory near the location.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the applicant be written that there were numerous other deposits of shell in the State and the matter was being held in abeyance until proposal was made which would include the establishment of a button factory. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented lease in favor of the Armory Board, prepared by the Attorney General's Office pursuant to action heretofore taken, covering the following described lands in Clay County, Florida:

SE¼ of SE¼ in Section 14, Township 7 South, Range 23 East

SE¼ of NE¼ in Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 23 East.

Information was given that the land would be used exclusively for National Defense purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the lease as presented be approved and authority given for execution and delivery to the Armory Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

A. R. Richardson and Luther Jones appeared before the Trustees further in reference to exchange of land between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the United States Sugar Company.

Upon discussion as to the advisability of the requested exchange, the Governor requested that the Sugar Company furnish the Trustees with a map showing all holdings of the Company East and Southeast of Lake Okeechobee from which might be selections for exchange; also that in his opinion it would be best for the Trustees to sell the land rather than make exchange.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the United States Sugar Company furnish the Trustees with map as requested by the Governor and that action on the exchange be deferred until the map is received. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Henry M. Wallace for withdrawal of objections by the Trustees to six months' extension on two War Department Permits Numbers 4233 and 4234, allowing dredging in Boca Ceiga Bay, Pinellas County.

Memorandum was read by Mr. Elliot outlining the facts in connection with agreement of February 5, 1938, between the Trustees and Mr. Wallace, as executor of the Wm. H. Hill Estate and as agent for the Milliken property, for the purchase and development of certain parcels of land.

Statement was made that the agreement has not been complied with in full but an R. F. C. suspended loan is contingent upon continuance of the War Department Permit. Based on this requirement Mr. Wallace asks that objection to Permit be withdrawn and the six months' extension allowed, within which time the parties represented by Mr. Wallace propose to make satisfactory arrangements with the Trustees looking to completion of the work.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that based on the above representations, the Trustees' objection be withdrawn to the six months' extension of War Department Permit in favor of Mr. Wallace's clients. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Request was presented for issuance of deed in favor of Cabana City Corporation for the purpose of correcting Lee County Deed No. 158 in favor of T. H. Phillips, dated April 21, 1941. Representation was made that through error the Clerk prepared the deed in favor of Mr. Phillips when all records show that Cabana City Corporation made application to purchase, deposited the amount of bid and bid the land in at sale. Original deed was recorded but has since been lost and affidavit is made by Mr. Phillips disclaiming any interest in the land and requesting correction deed in favor of Cabana City Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that correction deed be authorized, subject to approval by the Attorney General of form of correction deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, with information that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
DeSoto	12/15/41	2
Gadsden	12/16/41	5
Gulf	12/3/41	4
Hernando	11/29/41	5
Hernando	11/24/41	13
Hernando	12/15/41	2
Lake	12/8/41	33
Levy	11/10/41	33
Liberty	5/5/41	3
Liberty	9/1/41	3
Liberty	11/3/41	3
Martin	12/1/41	2
Monroe	12/9/41	33
Nassau	12/15/41	2
Orange	12/1/41	9
Polk	11/26/41	25
Putnam	12/5/41	71
Sarasota	12/15/41	23
Sumter	12/8/41	25
St. Johns	12/10/41	20
Wakulla	10/22/41	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following deeds presented by the Secretary be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

Franklin County Quitclaim Deed No. 29

Dade County Deed No. 1613 (Sale of 10/23/40 not approved owing to discrepancy now cleared up.)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and transmitted.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Consideration was given to sale of land in Glades and Hendry Counties, applied for by W. H. Jackson on behalf of Lykes Brothers with an offer of $1.50 an acre, the land having been advertised for bids and upon request of applicant disposition withheld from December 16 meeting till this date.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that bid of $1.50 an acre, being the highest bid received, be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Whereupon application was made to lease the land described in advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees lease the following described land in Glades and Hendry Counties to Lykes Brothers for a period of five years with option of renewal for an additional five years, payment to be at the rate of twelve (12) cents an acre annually; also privilege of purchase in the event the land be offered for sale at any time during the lease period:

GLADES COUNTY

NW¼ of SW¼, Section 6, Township 40 South, Range 28 East, 42.05 acres.

HENDRY COUNTY

Sections 13, 16, 25, 26 and 36, Township 44 South, Range 33 East;

Sections 31 and 32, Township 44 South, Range 34 East;

Sections 3, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, Township 45 South, Range 34 East;

Sections 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 27, 28, 30; W½ of 31; E½ of 32; and All 34, Township 46 South, Range 34 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 30, 1941.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented letter from F. L. Neville, Chairman Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken December 16, declining offer of $57 as base bid on certain Murphy Act land desired as a rock pit. The County raised their bid from $57 to $100 for 57 lots and agreed that the land would be used only for obtaining rock for the State Road Department and the County in constructing public roads; also that rock would not be sold now or any time in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees allow base bid of $100 for advertising the 57 lots applied for by Broward County, conditioned that upon sale being consummated to the County deed contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than rock pit purposes for the benefit of the County and the State Road Department in road construction. In all other respects sale to be conducted in the usual manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from J. C. Crandall for refund of $40 represented by Deed No. 7 Osceola County, dated July 25, 1940. Representation was made that Mr.

Crandall thought he was getting the land free of all liens but it later developed that the land was subject to municipal and drainage taxes. Mr. Elliot reported that about this time the Trustees were allowing refunds on similar cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize refund of $40 to J. C. Crandall upon evidence that title has not passed from grantee. Upon vote motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, with information that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Board, and were presented for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Calhoun	7/7/41	4
Calhoun	8/4/41	8
Franklin	11/10/41	6

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the following quitclaim deeds releasing portions of right of ways reserved for the State Road Department:

Putnam County Quitclaim Deed No. 231
Putnam County Quitclaim Deed No. 405
Volusia County Quitclaim Deed No. 394

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds authorized executed for delivery.

The Secretary reported that the Trustees had available $40,000.00 for transfer to the General Revenue Fund from Murphy Act sales and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368, 1941

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$40,000.00

TRUSTEES SUBJECTS PROPER

Request was presented from H. C. Rorick of Toledo, Ohio, for action on his application submitted in 1925 to purchase certain lake bottom lands in Palm Beach County.

The Governor stated that he understood Mr. Rorick was asking for an exchange or adjustment so as to correct description of land purchased by him. It was suggested that a report be prepared and presented to the Board at the next meeting setting forth what was desired by Mr. Rorick.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Secretary and Land Clerk submit to the Board at its next meeting a report as to the adjustment requested by H. C. Rorick. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented request from P. L. Carlton, Ft. Green, Florida, to purchase the NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 12, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, offering $2 an acre for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline the offer of $2 an acre for the land applied for, but make a counter proposal to sell the land at $2.50 an acre, the appraised value. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that the land be offered to Mr. Carlton at a price of $2.50 an acre.

Application was presented from Williams & Dart, Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of H. A. Wisotzkey, to purchase two acres of land adjacent to upland ownership in Section 12, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, with offer of $100 for the parcel, plus cost of advertising.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, to decline offer of $100 for the two acres, but that counter proposal be submitted to accept $100 an acre for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on December 16, 1941, referred to the Attorney General application from Fort Pierce Port District to purchase two parcels of sovereignty land on the Indian River at Fort Pierce, Florida, one tract being located North of Causeway Drive, containing 53.73 acres, and the other South of Causeway Drive containing 4.38 acres, all lying and being in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County. Terms and conditions of sale to be agreed upon by the Trustees and the District.

The Attorney General reported that he had gone into the matter and recommended that sale be made to Fort Pierce Port District.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to sell the land applied for by Fort Pierce Port District upon terms and conditions to be fixed within thirty (30) days, subject to advertisement for objections as required by law. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

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MINUTES OF TRUSTEES

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 6, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

(Present for part of meeting)
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Offer of $10 an acre was submitted from H. C. Lister of Wewahitchka, Florida, for the S½ of Lot 6, Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, containing 40 acres in

Gulf County. Statement was made that Mr. Lister purchased this land from Calhoun Investment Company in 1927 and had been paying taxes thereon ever since.

Upon information as to appraisal on the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $10 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Lister and submit counter proposal to sell the 40 acres at a price of $600. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered to offer the land for $600.

Consideration was given to request from Samuel A. Patrick, Tax Assessor of Gulf County, on behalf of John L. Singleton, for deed to the SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 17, Township 1 South, Range 9 West, 40 acres of land in Calhoun County. Offer of $80 was made for the land. Statement from applicant was to the effect that Mr. Singleton purchased the land in good faith from a party claiming title over a period of years.

Mr. Bayless reported that the original title was based on a tax deed and the land was put on the tax roll for the first time in 1896; that it has been claimed by various parties for the past 45 years, the present claimant having purchased about four years ago.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $80 for the 40 acres of land described, but inform Mr. Singleton that sale would be allowed upon payment of $200. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that the land be offered for $200.

Dr. I. N. Kennedy, on behalf of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, made application to use the following described land for game propagation purposes:

> E½ of Section 28 and all Section 33, Township 13 South, Range 13 East; and
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> NW¼ of NE¼ and NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 18 East, containing 1040 acres in Levy County.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that title to the land in question came to the Trustees through foreclosure of State and County tax sale certificates under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and that all timber on the land had been removed by T. T. Scott under lease from the Trustees. It was requested that the land be set aside as a game refuge for a period of ten years, during which time the young trees could be protected and the game propagated.

Consideration was given to the County's interest in the land, also as to the Trustees' authority to make such use of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to authorize use of the land as requested by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission subject to concurrence by the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County and also subject to approval by the Attorney General of the action taken. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented the following offers for the N½ of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Dade County:

> Al Pallot, on behalf of Arthur Treister, offers $2000 for all the land:
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> Congreve Jackson offers $200 annually for five year lease on the land with option to purchase during that period at a price of $2500. Also option for renewal of lease at expiration of five years with right to purchase at any other bona offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the Trustees notify both parties of the highest bid and inform them that sealed bids will be received for the lots, provided such bid is not less than amount of the highest bid here submitted. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had made field examination of land in Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, on which an offer was made by A. R. Richardson and Luther Jones. Statement was made that after making the offer it was found that this section had been badly burned and was not worth the price agreed upon. Request was made that the price be reduced to $12 an acre. Land Clerk recommended that price of $12.00 an acre be accepted.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the matter be deferred until it could be ascertained from the minutes what the original offer was. It was so ordered.

Mr. A. R. Richardson presented application from the town of Belle Glade for a tract of land about one and one-half miles from the City limits, located on the south side of Hillsborough Canal, West of the Locks at Chosen, in Township 43 South, Range 36 East. It was stated that the land was desired as a dumping pit site for the City.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees sell the land applied for by the Town of Belle Glade at a price of $10 an acre, the deed to contain reversion clause should the land be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized.

Application was presented from Kenyon Riddle, Studstill & Hollenbeck, Inc., West Palm Beach, Florida, offering $150 on behalf of client for 7 acres of marginal land on Lake Osborne in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. Information was furnished that the area lies adjacent to property owned by client and the waters of Lake Osborne and is approximately two miles west of Lantana.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $150 for the marginal land applied for, but that a price of $25 an acre be placed on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $25 was presented from A. J. Thomas of Orlando, Florida, for approximately one-fourth acre of marginal land on Lake Conway, Orange County, lying between upland property and the waters of the Lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $25 for the fraction of an acre applied for by Mr. Thomas. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered sold.

Letter was presented from Mr. W. H. Jackson, Tampa, Florida, on behalf of Arnold Oil Explorations Inc., making application for oil exploration contract and lease covering a number of lakes in the State aggregating approximately 702,500 acres.

The Attorney General stated that he was opposed to the Trustees granting further areas to any of the three parties to whom contracts had already been made.

Mr. Watson asked to be excused from further attendance on account of engagements in his office.

Discussion was had as to advisability of including certain lakes named in the application and it was the opinion of the Board that a number of these listed should be excluded, whereupon the segregation was made.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees grant exploration contract in favor of Arnold Explorations, Inc., upon the same terms and conditions as contracts recently authorized, except that the payment be $100.00, covering the following bodies of water:

Lake Okeechobee
Lake Istokpoga
Lake Kissimmee
Lake Apoka (Except within a radius of One mile of any town)
Lake Lochloosa
Lake George
Lake Hatchineha
Lake Louise (Louisa)
Lake Panasoffkee
Lake Tsala Apopka
Lake Jesup
Lake Harney
St. Johns River South of Lake George

Upon vote the motion was adopted and exploration contract authorized drawn.

Mr. Bayless presented several applications to remove mussel shell from the Dead Lakes and Chipola River, substantially as follows:

Mr. Millard F. Caldwell and Senator J. Frank Adams, Attorneys for American Pearl Button Company—P. F. Christiansen, representative, and

Stanley Gerson, Inc.,—(Stanley Gerson, representative) offered

$6 per ton for all shell removed from Dead Lakes, including inlets and outlets;

Minimum monthly royalty of $27.50, later raised to $75 monthly;

Establishment of a Button factory in the locality of not less than twenty (20) machines within ninety (90) days;

Deposit of $1000 bond guaranteeing performance of contract;

Five year exclusive lease, with option for renewal.

Muscatine Pearl Button Works, represented by Mr. C. Schmarje, Muscatine, Iowa:

$6 per ton for all shell removed from Dead Lakes;

$75 minimum monthly royalty;

Establishment of Button factory near operations of not less than 24 machines:

Deposit of $1000 bond guaranteeing performance of lease.

Five year exclusive lease.

Blumenfeld Company—Written proposal offering $2 per ton for all shell removed from Dead Lakes, with establishment of 10-Machine Button factory in the locality.

C. E. Glass of Wewahitchka—Memorandum of telephone conversation making application for one-year lease on the Dead Lakes to remove mussel shell, and offering $2 per ton for such lease, agreeing to take 500 tons during the 12 months period.

Several other parties were present interested mainly in the operation of removing the shell for the company securing the lease.

Discussion was had as to the various features to be included in the lease; the ability of the several applicants to carry on the operations and the financial backing necessary to continue the industry. Suggestion was made that it might be advisable to impose a closed season on taking the shell; make the lease experimental for a period of one year, by which time it could be determined whether a closed season would be necessary, and as to the quantity and quality of shell available.

All parties having had an opportunity to submit any facts they desired to put before the Trustees, and Dr. I. N. Kennedy of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Department, having informed the Board that he did not believe a closed season would be necessary for the experimental period of one year, the Chairman asked for motion on the question.

An executive session was called for considering the several applications which resulted in a decision by the Board that the American Pearl Button Company and Stanley Gerson, Inc., be allowed to lease the Dead Lakes area.

Mr. Caldwell and associates were called in and informed that the Trustees were agreeable to leasing the Dead Lakes area for five years, the first year of which would be an experimental period, at the end of which it would be determined whether or not it would be necessary to have a closed season on the taking of shell; the royalty to be paid during the remaining four years, and the quantity and quality of shell likely to be available for continuous economical production. Applicants were agreeable to the plan submitted. Whereupon motion was made by the Attorney General that the matter be referred to Mr. Mayo to draft the terms and conditions of the lease, assisted by the Attorney General's office, Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless, based on the following points: Experimental operation of one year, during which time $6 per ton to be paid for all shell removed; $75 minimum monthly royalty to be paid, effective as of the date of lease; Button factory of 20 machine capacity to be constructed within a period of ninety (90) days in one of the two counties in which the leased area is located; Bond in amount of $1000 to be deposited with Trustees guaranteeing performance of contract; at the end of experimental period of one year there will be determined the question of whether a closed season for taking shell will be necessary; the royalty to be paid thereafter except as to minimum monthly amount and the quantity of shell likely to be available for continuous economical production. In the event these matters cannot be agreed upon by the Trustees and Lessees, within ten days, they will be submitted to a board of arbitration of three members: one to be selected by the Trustees, one by the Lessees and those two to select the third member. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson, and upon vote adopted.

The following bill amounting to $63.30 was approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrant to be issued in payment thereof:

Elgin Bayless (F. E. Bayless), Chief, Land Division of Agriculture	$63.30

Financial statements for the month of December are as follows:

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Financial Statement for the month of December, 1941

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$4,586.99	
Quit Claim to Oil & Mineral Rights	3.75	
Cedar Timber Sale	3.09	
Pipe Line R/W	75.00	
Sand & Shell Leases	999.30	
Rock Leases	37.50	
Grazing Leases	602.93	
Total Receipts for December, 1941	$6,308.56	$ 6,308.56
Balance as of December 1, 1941		211,040.21
Grand Total		$217,348.77
Disbursements during month of December, 1941		2,696.08
Balance on Hand as of December 31, 1941		$214,652.69

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Dec. 16,	123072	Mickler & Mickler	$ 44.12
	123073	R. J. Duff	18.95
	123074	J. Alex Arnette	8.55
	123075	W. N. Granger	23.25
	123076	S. S. Savage	132.55
	123077	E. B. Savage	44.70
	123078	The Okeechobee News	9.00
	123079	The Hendry County News	12.19
	123080	Glades Printing Co.	8.67
	123081	The Florida Times Union	65.65
	123082	Southeastern Telephone Co.	9.55
	123083	M. Lewis Hall	903.90
31,	130187	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	130188	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	130189	M. O. Barco	175.00
	130190	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	130191	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	130192	S. S. Savage	200.00
	130193	J. B. Lee	10.00
	130194	E. B. Savage	130.00
		Total Disbursements for December, 1941	$2,696.08

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1941

Balance on hand December 1, 1941	$28,965.41
Receipts for the month	31,247.42
Grand Total	$60,212.83
Less disbursements for the month	41,592.11
Balance on Hand December 31, 1941	$18,620.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1941	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Dec. 17,	121326	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$ 80.00
	122882	Mary Lila Willard	85.00
	122883	Robert Hensley	85.00
	122884	Mrs. Laura Hartsfield	100.00
	123084	Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	89.55
	123085	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.80
	123086	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.48
	123087	Burroughs Adding Mach. Co.	11.78
	123088	Capital Office Equipment Co.	185.05
	123089	Corporation Serv. Co. of Fla.	3.20
	123090	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.45
	123091	Christie-Hall Bus. Machines	8.00
	123092	The Suwannee Democrat	2.25
	123093	Wm. Logan Hill, Clerk	6.00
	123094	Tiffany Turnbull	5.55
	123095	Raymond Mulloy	150.00
30,	130195	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	130196	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	130197	Helen Phillips	125.00
	130198	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	130199	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	130200	M. O. Barco	25.00
	130201	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	134987	J. Edwin Larson, St. T.	40,000.00

Total Disbursements for the Month of December, 1941 .... $41,592.11

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941.

RECEIPTS

December 1, 1941	Balance	$1,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

December 31, 1941	Balance	$1,500.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Consideration was given to employment of two persons by the Trustees for assignment in the office of the Secretary on work under Chapter 18296. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Mr. John Moore of Franklin County be employed by the Trustees at a salary of $125 per month. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. J. R. Roberts of Columbia County be employed by the Trustees at a salary of $125 per month. Upon vote the motion was adopted. It was ordered that Mr. Moore and Mr. Roberts be notified of the action of the Trustees. Employment to be effective on date of reporting for work.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 19, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Elliot presented telegrams from Mr. Evans Crary of Stuart, Martin County, Florida, requesting that the Trustees deed to the County certain Murphy Act land without the formality of giving notice, representation being made that the land was desired immediately as an auxiliary flying field by the United States.

The Trustees were of the opinion that the land could not be sold without giving notice by advertisement in a newspaper but that the notice period could be lowered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees authorize acceptance of the application from Martin County for lands to be used as an airport site, with a five-day notice period and waiving of notice to former owner. In all other respects sale to be held in the usual manner. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

In compliance with provisions of Chapter 20890, Acts of 1941, the following warrants were issued:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Representing 3% of total credits to account of the Internal Improvement Fund for July, August and September, 1941	$621.10
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Representing 3% of total credits to account of the Internal Improvement Fund for October, November and December, 1941	$791.04

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 20, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. H. H. Hector of the Hector Supply Company, Miami, Florida, submitted application to purchase reclaimed land in Sections 23, 25 and 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, 220 acres in Palm Beach County, with the following offers:

$100 an acre for 28 acres
50 an acre for 96 acres
40 an acre for 96 acres

or a total of $11,440.00 for the 220 acres.

The Land Clerk appraised the land at a higher value than offer submitted. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer made by Mr. Hector and make a counter proposal to sell the 220 acres at a price of $13,000.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. It was also agreed that the Trustees not require Mr. Hector to pay $600 rental due on the land which he is purchasing.

Mr. S. H. Rogers of Tampa, Florida, came before the Board with reference to lease on certain bay bottoms and water areas in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, Florida, on which he was given permit June 25, 1941, to make surveys and determine if titanium could be located in sufficient quantities for commercial use. Discussion was had as to terms and conditions of proposed lease. Also Mr. Rogers reported as to the result of survey which he submitted to the Bureau of Minerals in Washington and subsequent contacting of a New York firm with a view to further examination and analysis of the minerals.

Motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to Messrs. F. C. Elliot, F. E. Bayless, and Herman Gunter, State Geologist, for conferring with Mr. Rogers and submitting recommendations as to terms and conditions of proposed lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. D. E. Porter of St. Augustine, Florida, made application for mineral lease covering certain beach areas in the vicinity of St. Augustine to explore for titanium, rutile, zircon, illemenite and monazite. Information was that the method proposed was to use a road scrape which would not interfere with traffic but would be below the hard surface of the beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the application of Mr. Porter be disposed of in the same manner as in the case of Mr. S. H. Rogers and that the committee submit report and recommendations. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees January 6, 1942, Mr. Bayless presented sealed bids from Mr. E. Albert Pallot and Congreve Jackson for the purchase of the N½ of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Dade County—106.84 acres. Bids were opened and reported as follows:

E. Albert Pallot—$2000 for 106.84 acres
Congreve Jackson—$2550 cash for 106.84 acres

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer of $2,550.00 cash for 106.84 acres described above be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $2 an acre made by Clyde H. Wilson of Sarasota, Florida, for the NE¼ of NE¼ and SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 11, Township 38 South, Range 22 East, Manatee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that the offer be declined on the ground that it was insufficient, the Field Agent having placed a higher value on the land.

Action having been postponed on request from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Luther Jones, for reduction in price of land in Section 19, Township 44 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, Mr. Bayless reported that the price agreed on by the Trustees April 1, 1941, was $20 an acre but subsequent field examination disclosed that the land had been badly burned. The recommendation of the Land Clerk was that the amended offer of $12 be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the compromise offer of $12 an acre net to the Trustees be accepted for the land in Section 19 applied for by Mr. Jones. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized at a price of $12 an acre net.

Information was furnished by the Land Clerk that the Trustees in 1912 sold to T. T. Hatten the NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Polk

County, at a price of $1.50 an acre. Present owners, F. F. Royster Company, by resident agent A. A. McLeod, applied for release of statutory reservations upon payment of $5 an acre.

Motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to Mr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, for report as to whether or not the property was in the phosphate area. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Application was presented from Ralph H. Mulholland offering $200 for the NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 27 East, Lake County. Information was furnished that the Field Agent reported an appraisal of $245 for the land.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline the offer of $200 and make a counter proposal to accept $245.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following proposal was presented from T. W. Conely of Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. W. M. Vickers:

> An offer of $296.80 for release of Mortgages 17552 and 17553 covering land sold to her husband in 1926 at a price of $30 an acre for 54.12 acres and $50 an acre for 25.02 acres, or a total purchase price of $2874.60.

Mr. Bayless reported that a cash payment of $728.65 was made on the land at time of sale, which amount with the offer of $296.80 totals $1025.45 or an average of $12.97 an acre which would be a fair value for the land at the present time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $296.80 in liquidation of Mortgages 17552 and 17553, Okeechobee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Mr. T. W. Conely, on behalf of clients, requesting that a survey be made of the lands purchased December 16th, 1941, in Okeechobee County.

It was recalled that on the date the bids were received—December 9, 1941—Mr. Conely stated that he was sure there would be a difference in the acreage as advertised and the actual acreage based on survey and if his clients were the successful bidders they would purchase on the basis of acreage according to actual survey. That was the basis on which the bids were received.

Information was that payment of $2300 had already been made by clients of Mr. Conely, John and Roy Edwards and Leland Pierce.

Motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Larson, that survey be authorized of the land in Okeechobee County purchased by clients of Mr. Conely. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees deny application from J. F. Hunsinger of Miami, Flordia, for oil lease on State lands in Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Julius F. Stone, Jr., of Key West, Florida, making application for State land in Section 36, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County, on Key Largo in the vicinity of Jew Fish Creek, and offering $5 an acre on behalf of a client.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees not sell the land applied for by Mr. Stone at the price offered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from the War Department, Engineer Office, Jacksonville, Florida, for permission to deposit material to be dredged from St. Johns River, Jacksonville Harbor, on an existing island opposite Commodore Point terminals. The island for which permit is desired was created about three years ago by dredging the channel of the river.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the request of the War Department be granted and that permit be issued allowing use of the island mentioned as a site for depositing material to be dredged by the Government. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. The Secretary was requested to prepare the necessary permit.

Mr. Elliot reported on request from H. C. Rorick of Toledo, Ohio, for exchange of lands with the State: Mr. Rorick desires to reconvey a strip about 225 feet wide along the West side of a parcel purchased by him from the Trustees January 16, 1926, said strip lying partly on both sides of the extension of North New River Canal into bottom lands of Lake Okeechobee. In exchange therefor he desires to acquire from the Trustees a marginal area lying between the North boundary of the lands to be conveyed to him by the Trustees and the Hillsborough Canal. Mr. Elliot reported that the description of the parcel to be conveyed by the Trustees to him would include practically all of the land between his present North boundary and the Hillsborough Canal without leaving sufficient space along the Hillsborough Canal for canal right of way or canal maintenance. He suggested that description be drawn so as to leave suffcient area for canal purposes, and along with the reservation of a strip for right of way convey an easement to Mr. Rorick for ingress and egress and for drainage works across said strip necessary for the drainage of his land, and that a like easement be granted along the East side of the North New River Canal adjacent to what will become the West boundary of his tract. The area of the strip to be conveyed by Mr. Rorick to the Trustees is approximately 40 acres and that to be conveyed by the Trustees to him approximately 50 acres, in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that Mr. Elliot submit his recommendation to Mr. Rorick, advising that such exchange will be agreeable with the Trustees and asking that he indicate whether such disposition will be satisfactory with him. Motion seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented bill from Rose Printing Company amounting to $1120.00 for printing Minutes of the Trustees for the years 1939 and 1940, and suggested that since the volume contained record of the proceedings under Chapter 18296, that the bill be paid jointly from funds under Chapters 610 and 18296 on the following basis:

63% to be paid from funds under Chapter 610 and
37% to be paid from funds under Chapter 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the bill of Rose Printing Company in amount of $1120.00 for printing Volume 22, Trustees' Minutes, be paid as recommended by the Secretary: $705.60 from funds under Chapter 610 and $414.40 from funds under Chapter 18296. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bill ordered paid as indicated.

Bill of $3,455.31 was presented from Pahokee Drainage District for taxes due on State lands within the district for the year 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the payment of taxes to Pahokee Drainage District be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and report to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following bills amounting to $2370.80 were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be issued in payment thereof:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Field Agent	10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man for S. S. Savage	85.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	705.60
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	17.30
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk	76.55
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala	142.05
E. B. Savage, Compass Man for Field Agent	53.80
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	5.50
TOTAL	$2,370.80

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	12/17/41	22
Bay	12/8/41	2
Bay	12/22/41	9
Brevard	12/16/41	27
Brevard	1/13/42	10
Broward	12/15/41	26
Broward	1/12/42	18

Charlotte	12/8/41	3
Citrus	12/2/41	9
Citrus	12/8/41	3
Clay	12/6/41	10
Columbia	12/17/41	6
Dade	12/10/41	37
Dixie	12/22/41	1
Duval	11/26/41	41
Duval	12/17/41	27
Escambia	12/17/41	7
Franklin	12/8/41	3
Hamilton	1/5/42	2
Hardee	1/5/42	19
Hernando	11/10/41	5
Hillsborough	12/8/41	68
Hillsborough	12/22/41	51
Hillsborough	1/6/42	76
Holmes	12/8/41	3
Indian River	1/5/42	16
Jackson	12/22/41	15
Jefferson	1/5/42	4
Lafayette	12/26/41	2
Lake	11/10/41	1
Lee	11/17/41	12
Madison	8/18/41	1
Manatee	1/5/42	11
Marion	1/5/42	24
Orange	1/5/42	106
Osceola	1/5/42	10
Palm Beach	8/29/41	2148
Palm Beach	12/12/41	30
Pasco	1/6/42	7
Putnam	1/3/42	27
Santa Rosa	3/31/41	4
Santa Rosa	5/5/41	14
Santa Rosa	7/7/41	11
Sarasota	12/22/41	94
Sarasota	1/12/42	30
St. Lucie	1/5/42	8
Suwannee	11/3/41	6
Suwannee	12/8/41	13
Taylor	11/29/41	2
Volusia	1/5/42	43
Walton	12/30/41	1
Walton	1/6/42	5
Washington	11/11/41	9
Washington	12/23/41	5

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the bids as listed be accepted and authority given for issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following deeds presented by the Secretary be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

Pasco County Municipal Deed No. 6
Volusia County Municipal Deed No. 7

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and transmitted.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements through land under Chapter 18296 desired in connection with the following State Roads:

Escambia County—Road No. 7—Project 51—SRD 2

Hillsborough County—Road No. 341—Project 5591—SRD 43

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant easements requested by the State Road Department in Escambia and Hillsborough Counties and authority be given for execution and delivery thereof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Mr. J. U. Gillespie of Volusia County, requesting that a trespass charge in Volusia County Judge's court be quashed against William and John Manning who through error removed a small amount of timber from land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary advise the prosecuting officer in the case and ascertain if he would recommend that the case be quashed as requested. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Duval County Special Case was presented with information that sale of Lots 2 to 8, Block 5, Springfield Annex, Duval County, was held pursuant to protest and readvertisement with a base bid of $500.50; that description of the land was read with name of applicant and amount of bid. When sale was closed another party who had been present during sale made an offer but witnesses stated that such offer was not called out until after the word "sold" had been pronounced. Agent of the Trustees recommended that deed be issued to applicant M. M. Permenter, former owner, who bid $500.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the bid of M. M. Permenter for Lots 2 to 8, Block 5, Springfield Annex, be accepted and deed executed and delivered. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Hillsborough County that application of Edward Miraglia with base bid of $40.00 be withdrawn on the ground that after placing application it was found that $900 of city liens were outstanding against the property. Request for withdrawal of bid was asked a few days after application was filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Edward Miraglia be allowed to withdraw his application to purchase Hillsborough County land and that amount of his bid—$40.00—be returned to him. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $1000 was presented from the City of Bartow as a base bid on 521 outlying subdivision parcels of Polk County land under Chapter 18296. Recommendation from the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Tax Assessor was that the base bid offered be allowed.

Upon discussion as to base bids allowed in other localities for property applied for by towns or counties, motion was made by the Attorney General that examination be made as to other towns in that section of the State and that similar base bid be allowed in the case of the City of Bartow. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Request was presented from J. J. Banks, Orange County, that the Trustees remove easement clause for transmission line from Orange County Deed No. 753 executed to him. His statement was that the advertisement did not mention the reservation in favor of Florida Public Service Company and he had no knowledge of it until deed was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the request of Mr. Banks be declined, but that he be given opportunity to accept deed as drawn or have amount of his bid—$50.50—refunded and relinquish deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

The following bills were approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment thereof:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahasse	$ 10.30
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee	1.14
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	6.40
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee	120.00
G. M. Simmons, C. C. C., Tittusville	2.00
W. G. Larkins, C. C. C., Bristol	81.44
Ray E. Green, C. C. C., Clearwater	1.50
Millard B. Conklin, Ass't. Atty. Gen.	58.75
Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
Frank Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee	414.40
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Clerk	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	100.80
John C. Moore, Clerk	100.80
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time	50.00
TOTAL	$1,732.53

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
January 27, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve Minutes of the Board dated December 16, 23, 30, 1941, and January 6 and 19, 1942, as submitted by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Minutes approved.

Mr. Edward R. Copeland and Charles E. Starr of Miami, Florida, submitted request on behalf of Consumers Gas and Fuel Company, for extension of time within which to commence drilling well as required under the terms and conditions of oil lease dated March 18, 1941.

Mr. Copeland stated that Mr. Starr had applied for a franchise from the City of Coral Gables for furnishing either natural or manufactured gas and extension is desired to allow further time to start drilling for ascertaining if natural gas can be produced in commercial quantities.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant extension of six (6) months within which to commence drilling under lease in favor of Consumers Gas and Fuel Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the extension granted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $125 from S. H. Moore of Tampa West Coast Realty Company, for Lot 9, Nelms Subdivision, Hillsborough, County—5 acres. Information was that title to the lot came to the State under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and the amount of the decree was $182.39. Recommendation was that the Trustees accept $150 for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline $125 but make counter proposal to accept $150 for Lot 9 as applied for by Mr. Moore. Substitute motion was offered by Mr. Lee that the land be advertised for highest bid, but for lack of second motion was lost. Upon vote, motion by Mr. Mayo was adopted and $150 agreed on as the sale price.

Application was presented from Judge Rivers Buford and associates to lease for oil and mineral purposes certain land owned by the State in Holmes and Washington Counties being State lands proper, lands under Chapter 18296 and School lands:

Murphy Act land	12,788.00 acres
I. I. Fund land	281.28 acres
School Fund land	200.14 acres

Offer was made for the lease on a basis of five cents (5c) an acre annually for water bottoms and ten cents (10c) an acre annually for land areas.

The Secretary asked to whom the royalty would be paid in the event of sale of the land. Action on this question deferred to later date.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that lease be granted to Judge Buford and associates for a period of ten years upon payment of five cents an acre annually for water bottoms and ten cents an acre annually for land areas covering land owned by the State within the boundaries indicated on map submitted with application. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered prepared for execution.

Similar action was taken by the Board of Education authorizing lease of School land on the same basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Secretary be authorized to send the Library at the University of Florida twenty-five (25) copies of Volume 22 Minutes of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Attorney General reported that he had several objections to exploration contract in favor of Arnold Explorations Inc., covering a number of lakes in the central part of the State. Information from the Governor was that he had several letters asking for the privilege of leasing certain of the lakes in the Arnold lease.

It was agreed that lease would not be delivered until parties making objections could be heard.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Walter P. Fuller that the Trustees withdraw objection to three year extension of War Department Permit No. 4235 for dredging in Boca Ceiga Bay. Statement was made that applicants for permits had made certain agreements with the Trusteees in connection with land purchases which had not been complied with. Recommendation was made that the Trustees abide by former action agreeing to six (6) months extension of permit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees do not withdraw protest to three-year extension of War Department Permit No. 4235 as requested by Mr. Fuller. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Albert B. Rochr with offer of $217.50 for Lot 1, Section 11, Township 40 South, Range 20 East, containing 70.70 acres in Sarasota County.

Report was that Field Agent appraised land at $217.50 and since that time 6008 feet of timber had been sold from the tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees sell the lot applied for by Mr. Rochr at the price offered—$217.50. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

The following offers were presented from W. Martin Burket of Tallahassee, for cypress timber on the unsurveyed lands in Lake Miccosukee, Jefferson County:

Gum timber	$4.00 per thousand
Pine timber	5.00 per thousand
Cypress timber	6.00 per thousand

Information was furnished that according to Patent there were 8,000 acres of land around the Lake owned by the State but in order to locate the lines a survey would be necessary which would be rather expensive. It was recommended that the offer be declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offers from Mr. Burket for timber in Lake Miccosukee be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from F. W. Ange of Clewiston, L. S. Carr and R. D. Yoder of Moore Haven, offering twenty-five (25) cents an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on lake bottom lands in Section 16 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, with option to purchase during terms of lease at a price of $5 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees agree to lease the land applied for by Messrs. Ange, Carr and Yoder, for a period of five years for grazing purposes at a yearly rental of twenty-five (25) cents an acre, but to decline request for option to purchase at a price of $5 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Chester B. Treadway for standard oil, gas and minerals exploration contract and lease covering State owned lands in Broward, Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties, aggregating 1,050,000 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the application of Mr. Treadway. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that on April 18, 1939, the Trustees agreed to convey to R. W. Leverett of Largo, Florida, a parcel of land containing 2.5 acres in Section 35, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, for consideration of $50.00 but the transaction was not closed at the time. Mr. Leverett now asks that the Trustees confirm this action so that sale may be closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the request of Mr. Leverett be allowed and that sale be consummated as agreed upon in 1939. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. Walter L. Cooper of Sanford, Florida, holder of Lease No. 136 allowing the removal of deadhead timber from the Suwannee River, requesting that the Trustees reduce the minimum monthly royalty and also authorize cancellation of bond in amount of $1000. Statement was made that because of water conditions Mr. Cooper had been unable to carry on his operations except for about two months during 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of the $1000 bond and in lieu of monthly royalty of $125 that payment be made at the rate of $5 per thousand feet for all logs taken from the area covered by lease; also that delinquent payments be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless submitted the following report from Committee appointed January 20 to consider and report on applications from S. H. Rogers of Tampa, Florida, and D. E. Porter of St. Augustine, Florida, for mineral leases on sovereignty areas:

Tallahassee, Florida
January 27, 1942.

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

> In connection with application of S. H. Rogers for mineral lease covering sovereignty areas in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties and also, application of D. E. Porter for mineral lease on sovereignty areas in Duval, Flagler, St. Johns and Volusia Counties, the undersigned committee recommends the issuance of exploration contract to S. H. Rogers for a period of eight (8) months with the option of executing lease on or before the expiration of the eight (8) months period, the royalty to be on a basis of $1.00 per ton, for the five (5) year period covered by his original application.
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> It is further recommended that the lease provide for a ten (10) year extension, provided a plant is constructed, within the State of Florida, during the first five (5) years, for the handling of said minerals, to cost not less than $100,000.00; the royalty payment for the extension period to be on a basis of $1.00 per ton based on the value of the minerals at the date of the execution of this contract, and in the event the market value has advanced the royalty will advance in proportion as $1.00 per ton applies to said advanced price.
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> The committee recommends that the application of Mr. Porter be granted giving him a lease for a

five (5) year period, the royalty to be on a basis of $1.00 per ton, based on the present market value of the minerals, and if the market advances the price to be paid as royalty will advance in proportion as $1.00 per ton, applies to the advanced price.

Both of the above would provide for $25.00 per month minimum royalty with bond in the amount of $1,000.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

HERMAN GUNTER
State Geologist

F. C. ELLIOT
Secretary I. I. Fund

F. E. BAYLESS
Land Clerk

COMMITTEE

Upon consideration of the report, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees adopt the report of Messrs. Herman Gunter, F. C. Elliot and F. E. Bayless and authorize the issuance of leases as recommended by the Committee. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Mayo moved that the leases in favor of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Porter be drawn under the supervision of the Attorney General. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, to whom was referred application from A. A. McLeod, Resident Agent for F. F. Royster Company, for release of statutory reservation in deed issued in May 1912 to T. T. Hatten. Report from the State Geologist is that the land is phosphate producing.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to release the reservations requested by Mr. McLeod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application by telephone from Mr. Vose Babcock was presented for two-year grazing lease on Sections 27 and

35, Township 47 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, offering ten (10) cents an acre annually for two-year lease.

Upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to lease the land at the price offered, but agreed to issue lease upon payment of twelve (12) cents an acre annually. Mr. Bayless was requested to notify Mr. Babcock of the counter proposal.

Discussion was had as to whether or not any reports had been received from the three groups having oil exploration contracts from the State and upon information that no such reports had been made to the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Messrs. Elliot and Bayless contact the lessees and request that reports be filed with the Trustees in accordance with the terms of the contracts. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless were requested to report to the Trustees in case reports are not received.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Messrs. Charles A. Mitchell, Attorney, Douglas Baker, Clerk of Circuit Court, and C. S. Michael, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, representing Indian River County, and on behalf of the United States, made application to lease for a nominal consideration of $1.00 per year, certain land title to which reverted to the State under Chapter 18296. List of the land was not submitted but the three parcels were indicated on maps:

Parcel No. 1	1000 Acres approximately
Parcel No. 2	2500 Acres approximately
Parcel No. 3	750 Acres approximately

Parcels 1 and 2 located North and West of the town of Vero Beach are desired in connection with a proposed aviation and technical Air School, and the third tract to be used as a site for an Artillery School is located North of Wabasso. Lease was requested for a period of one year with privilege of renewing from year to year as long as desired by the United States.

Discussion was had as to authority for executing an indefinite lease and it was agreed that lease would be granted for one year with privilege of renewal for the duration of the war and if desired as a permanent site consideration could then be given to sale of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize lease requested by Indian River County for use of the United States; consideration to be $1 annually with privilege of renewal from year to year for the duration of the war. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that separate lease be drawn for each of the parcels required.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	12/19/41	1
Baker	1/16/42	1
Bradford	12/1/41	2
Bradford	12/18/41	2
Flagler	12/1/41	3
Flagler	1/5/42	1
Hardee	1/5/42	21
Hernando	12/22/41	2
Hernando	1/3/42	4
Hernando	1/16/42	2
Leon	1/5/42	10
Leon	1/12/42	1
Okeechobee	1/14/42	1
Palm Beach	1/9/42	29
St. Johns	1/10/42	11

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following deeds presented by the Secretary be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

Jackson County	Deed No. 133-Cor.
Nassau County	Deed No. 58-Cor.
Monroe County	Deed No. 276-Cor.
Putnam County	Deed No. 608 (Discrepancy cleared)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds were ordered executed and delivered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant easement for right of way through land in Polk County for use in connection with the following State Road:

Polk County Road No. 8—Project 605 (5209)—
SRD No. 599 (Rev)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

Request was submitted from F. T. Peebles, Dunedin, Florida, on behalf of client, for five day minimum advertising period on Lots 1 to 35, Block 45, Dunedin Isles, Unit No. 1. Statement was made that former owner attempted to clear up all lots in the subdivision under the Murphy Act before the lands reverted to the State, but these were omitted. In cooperation with the City Housing Committee and the Chamber of Commerce of Dunedin a defense housing program was being worked out to provide housing facilities made necessary by Marine Corps activities and the construction of a factory for canning citrus fruits to be used by the army and navy.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of Pinellas County to receive application from Mr. Peebles' client, as former owner, and advertise the land for a minimum of five days prior to sale. In all other respects bidding and sale to be held in the usual manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary requested to notify the Clerk of action taken.

Mr. Elliot reported that there would be available $30,000.00 for transfer to the General Revenue Fund from sales under Chapter 18296 and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368, 1941

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$30,000.00

The following refund checks were issued during the month of January, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

John C. Crandall c/o John L. Overstreet, C. C. C. Osceola County Kissimmee, Florida	$40.00
Hartford Properties Inc. c/o E. B. Leatherman, C. C. C. Dade County Miami, Florida	8.00
	$48.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 3, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Bayless reported that the Trustees on August 12, 1941, agreed to sell to E. B. Elliott 2456.32 acres of State land in Palm Beach County to be used in the production of ramie, the price to be $15 an acre with credit of $5 an acre for each 100 acre block planted to ramie. J. Mark Wilcox, representing Mr. Elliott, requests that deeds be executed to each one hundred acre tract upon payment of $10 per acre for all tracts so conveyed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to the request from Mr. Elliott, provided that the parcels deeded shall be in a contiguous body and shall be in areas running the entire length of the property from east to west in order that the road frontage will be in the same proportion as the back lands. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $2 an acre from P. L. Carlton of Fort Green, Florida, for the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Manatee County, the Field Agent having appraised the land at a higher price. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $50 was presented from J. T. Jones, Trenton, Florida, for the SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 16 East, Levy County.

Upon informaiton that the appraised value was higher than the offer of Mr. Jones, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $50 for the parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Application from W. H. Jackson on behalf of Lykes Bros., Inc., Tampa, Florida, offering twelve (12) cents an acre annually for five year grazing lease with option of renewal for an additional five years, and refusal to purchase the following described land:

> Sections 8, 9, 10, 21, 24, and E½ Section 17, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, 3533.70 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize five year grazing lease in favor of Lykes Bros., with option of renewal for an additional five years, on the land applied for upon payment of twelve (12) cents an acre annually; also in event of sale Lykes Brothers to be given refusal of purchase at a price satisfactory to the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized issued.

Offer was presented from W. Martin Burket of Tallahassee, Florida, of $4 per thousand for cypress, pine and gum timber located on all unsurveyed lands in Lake Miccosukee as follows:

In Township 2 North, Ranges 3 and 4 East.

Also:

In W½ of NW¼ of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 6 East;

In NE¼ of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 6 East,
Containing 9,184.65 acres.

Mr. Burket agrees to pay cost of survey to establish the boundary of Lake Miccosukee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $4 per thousand for the timber applied for by Mr. Burket, but agree to accept a a price of $6 per thousand feet for all timber taken from State land in Lake Miccosukee; Mr. Burket to pay cost of survey for establishing boundary of the Lake. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from C. E. Glass of Wewahitchka, Florida, offering ten cents (10c) per houndred (100) pounds, based on the finished product, for all moss taken from State land in the Dead Lakes area in Gulf and Calhoun Counties. Permit to be for a period of one year.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize one year permit in favor of Mr. Glass on the area applied for upon payment of ten cents per hundred pounds for finished moss, based on sales sheets to be furnished the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit authorized.

Mr. Bayless reported that first month's payment of $75 had been made by Stanley Gerson, Inc., and American Pearl Button Company, on mussel shell lease authorized January 6, but that work had not been started on the factory to be constructed within 90 days from date of lease. Mr. Bayless was requested to check on progress being made under this lease.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296 in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all repects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Citrus	1/6/42	5
Dade	1/7/42	50
Hamilton	1/19/42	16
Martin	1/27/42	1
Seminole	1/12/42	11
Wakulla	12/30/41	1
Wakulla	1/14/42	1
Walton	1/15/42	1
Walton	1/20/42	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bids accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve for execution and delivery the following deeds:

Charlotte County	Deed No. 72-Cor.
Monroe County	Deed No. 317-Cor.
Wakulla County	Deed No. 59-Cor.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and delivered.

Mr. Elliot reported that upon request Hillsborough County Deeds Nos. 881 and 1203 had been ordered held up for a period of 90 days upon protest from Mrs. Josephine Giddens, as former owner, but to date no action had been taken to comply with the protest rule and the ninety days expired some time ago. Applicant is requesting that deeds be delivered or refund of amount of bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mrs. Giddens be notified that unless action is taken immediately to comply with the protest rule, the deeds will be released for delivery to highest bidder at sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for borrow pit easement in connection with State Road No.

23, Sumter County—Project No. 170-A—SRD No. 46, on lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement for borrow pit purposes in favor of the State Road Department applied for in connection with State Road No. 23, Sumter County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement ordered executed and delivered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 17, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated January 20, 27, and February 3, 1942, presented for approval. Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Minutes presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Dr. Charles Northern of the Collodial Institute of Tampa, Florida, came before the Board and submitted offer of $100 for purchase of approximately 25 small islands in Crystal Bay, located in Sections 20, 21, 28 and 29 of Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County. Information was that the islands are very small, ranging from approximately 23 feet square to 3.95 acres, having no improvements or trees thereon and the greater number being covered by water most of the time. Dr. Northern stated that he desired to make a show place of these islands in connection with a farming development he proposed starting on land in the vicinity of the islands.

Mr. Bayless presented appraisal of the Field Agent on the islands as ranging from $25 for the smaller up to $100 for the larger, with a total value of $775.00.

The Trustees were inclined to reduce the price of the land from the appraised value in consideration of the benefits to accrue to the public on account of the improvements to be placed on the islands by Dr. Northern and the further development of lands nearby into farming units, but did not feel that they would be justified in deeding the land at this time for the price offered without some assurance that the development would be carried out. It was suggested that the land might be reserved for Dr. Northern at a reduced price or an option given for a period of two years pending completion of arrangements for proposed development. Dr. Northern stated that he would be unable to make financial arrangements for carrying out the project with an option on the land.

Mr. Mayo then made a motion that the Trustees lease the islands to Dr. Northern for a period of two years with an option to purchase any time during the term of the lease at a price of $100. Dr. Northern expressed himself as not being interested in either a lease or an option on the islands. Whereupon no action was taken on the motion of Mr. Mayo.

Mr. Frank Pepper and Mr. J. L. McCord came before the Trustees with request that the Trustees join with Model Land Company in leasing the oil and mineral rights in land owned by Model Land Company in Dade and Monroe Counties, to a company headed by Mr. M. Q. Peterson of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and Peterson Oil Company. The land in question comprises 178,000 acres, the oil and mineral rights in which are owned jointly by the Trustees and Model Land Company.

Mr. Pepper stated that Model Land Company was willing to enter into contract for a period of eighteen months for carrying on explorations on the land with the privilege of leasing certain portions at the end of exploration period; that the Peterson interests have agreed to spend $250,000 in geophysical explorations on the land; that all preliminary arrangements have been made and form of lease submitted to Mr. Petteway of the Attorney General's office.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of the Trustees entering into further leases until more progress is shown on those now in effect. Also the question of withdrawing for a period of five years land that is desired in the proposed Everglades National Park. The Governor asked Mr. Pepper if Model Land Company would be interested in exchanging other lands owned for the State's interest in the oil and mineral on the land, to which the reply was that he did not think the Company would exchange land for oil and mineral rights only.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the proposal be taken under consideration favorably with action to be announced in two weeks; in the meantime Mr. Pepper to take up with Model Land Company the suggestion as to exchange. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. A. A. Poston, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm each County, made application on behalf of the County for two parcels of sovereignty land in Section 5, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, containing 28 acres in Palm Beach County, the tract being known as the old Loxahatchee River bed, and a breeding ground for mosquitos which the County is anxious to eliminate. Information was that owners of ocean front property had agreed to give two public beaches in the area in question, provided the land in Section 5 could be acquired from the Trustees. A tentative offer of $2.50 an acre was made.

The Land Clerk reported that an offer of $20 an acre had been received from a private individual on the same property.

Upon discussion it was suggested that a written proposal should be filed with the Trustees giving description of the two beaches to be acquired for public purposes; description of the marsh land applied for; also the agreement between the County and the individuals for exchange of the swamp lands in consideration for conveyance to the County of the two beaches, the filling in of the marshy areas and the extermination of the mosquito menace. In view of the public nature of the transaction a price of $100 was mentioned for the 28 acres.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the suggestion as above became the action of the Board.

Mr. A. A. Poston, on behalf of Palm Beach County, came before the Board and requested that the Trustees reduce the price of $471.60 agreed upon at a meeting June 25, 1941, for release of 20 acres of land in Section 9, Township 42 South. Range 37 East, from Contract No. 18273 of Pelican Lake Farms Company. Information was that the parcel is to be used by the State Road Department and the County as a rock pit and request for reduction in price is made on the ground that the State will benefit equally with the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees allow a credit of one-half the agreed price for release from Contract No. 18273 of the 20 acres desired, the deed to recite that the State shall share in the rock pit. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. A. A. Poston, on behalf of C. H. Buhl of West Palm Beach, Florida, submitted the following offers on land in Palm Beach County:

$10 an acre for Sections 19 and 29, and
$12.50 an acre for Section 31,
All of Township 43 South, Range 39 East.

Statement was made that the land is partly sawgrass and partly muck and applicant desires it for use in the breeding of better cattle in that section.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees receive competitive bids on the three sections after advertising the land for thirty days, the Trustees reserving to right to reject any or all bids. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Mr. Watson reported that Mr. Blanchard and associates had requested modification of exploration contract and proposed lease executed in their favor and that his office had been giving consideration to the matter. The proposed changes had been discussed with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless but they had not seen and approved the completed recommendations. The request was now presented for attention of the Board.

Mr. J. L. McCord, on behalf of W. G. Blanchard and Associates informed the Trustees that the requested changes were made owing to recent orders from Washington as to spacing of drilling units.

Upon discussion it was ascertained that there would be no extension of the contract or lease, no reduction in payments to be made and no increase in area.

Mr. Watson stated that if the Trustees were favorable to the modification he would like to have the unanimous approval of the Committee before final action.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the proposed modification of W. G. Blanchard and Associates' Contract be referred to the Committee acting on the original contract and request its recommendation submitted to the whole Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. J. Ray Arnold asked if lease had been executed, covering a number of lakes in Central Florida, authorized in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations Inc.. January 6, 1942. Information was that the following parties had entered protest to leasing of Lakes Monroe, Harney, Jessup and Puzzle:

Randall Chase, Sanford, Florida
Ralph Wight, Sanford, Florida
C. S. Lee, Oviedo, Florida

Mr. Arnold agreed to have the protested lakes excluded from the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees exclude from lease authorized January 6 in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations Lakes Monroe, Harney, Jessup and Puzzle and that reference to the St. Johns River area be changed to read: ''St. Johns River South of Puzzle Lake'' instead of St. Johns River South of Lake George.'' Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered delivered to Mr. Arnold upon the necessary changes being made.

Mr. Jeel Geoghagan of Live Oak, Florida, presented offer of $8 per thousand or $1200 for timber on State land in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County. Report was submitted from the Field Agent estimating the timber at considerably less than given by applicant. It was suggested that the discrepancy in estimates be investigated.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr .Lee, that Mr. Savage accompany Mr. Geoghagan to the location and ascertain if the two estimates were submitted on the same tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that based on applications from Harold C. Farnsworth, on behalf of F. M. Hendry, offering $1.50 an acre, the following land was offered for competitive bids with sale to be held on this date. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Fort Myers News-Press, issues of January 13, 20, 27, February 3 and 10, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahasee, Florida, January 2, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida, offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, February 17th, 1942, for lands in LEE County, Florida, described as follows:

	Sec.	T.S.	R.E.	Acres
Lots 1 and 4	8	46	22	33.92
Lots 1 and 3	9	46	22	38.81
Lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	13	46	22	178.94
Lots 1, 2, 3	14	46	22	88.62
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	15	46	22	177.89
All Fractional	16	46	22	396.08
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	17	46	22	260.03
Lots 2 and 8	18	46	22	58.30
Lots 1 and 2	20	46	22	23.86
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, & NE¼	21	46	22	304.54
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	22	46	22	301.74
NE¼ of SE¼; Lots 1 and 2	23	46	22	97.89
NE¼; S½ of NW¼; N½ of SE¼; N½ of SW¼; Lot 1	24	46	22	471.12

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees and the Board of Education reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary Trustees
Colin English, Secretary Board
of Education

Protests were filed to the sale of the land by

F. L. Fleishel, President Putnam Lumber Company, Shamrock, Florida

J. N. Darling, Captiva, Florida,

on the ground that the United States desired to include this area in a bird and game preserve.

Three other offers were received on the land advertised as follows:

J. N. Darling—$1 an acre for the entire tract, and

R. L. Newman for himself and Vivian Lee bid $1.60 an acre for parcels adjacent to their property.

Mr. Newman informed the Board that it would be satisfactory with Mr. Lee and himself if the Trustees declined to sell the land and dedicated it as a Federal game and bird preserve. In the event of sale or dedication, however, he would like to have the privilege of taking shell for filling in his upland, the removal of which would create a small slip or channel for boats to dock adjoining his property.

Mr. Elliot suggested that whatever disposition be made of submerged land and bottoms on the Northern side of Sanibel Island, it would be desirable to reserve a 400 foot right of way for road purposes across the submerged and partially submerged areas, with the privilege of taking the necessary shell to assist in road construction.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees hold the offers for land on Sanibel Island insuspense and that the Secretary take the matter up with the United States Fish and Wild Life Service for ascertaining its plans for use of the area. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. L. R. Rainey of Monticello, Florida, came before the Trustees and made application to purchase the land and timber adjoining his land on Lake Miccosukee and offered $5 an acre for 440.50 acres owned by the State between his property and the waters of the Lake. His statement was that he had always thought he owned the property, that he had fenced down to the water of the lake, had protected the timber through the years of his ownership and the timber was in fact a consideration of the purchase price of the land.

Mr. Rainey was informed that the Trustees had entered into agreement with W. Martin Burket for sale of the timber at a price of $6 per thousand feet with the understanding that he was to make a survey of the State lands to establish boundary lines; that actual work had been started on the survey and any arrangement for the timber would have to be made with Mr. Burket.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Field Agent be notified to make an appointment with Mr. Rainey for joint examination of the land with a view to ascertaining the acreage to be included in his application for purchase and that the question of timber be taken up with Mr. Burket. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Office requested to notify Mr. Rainey by telephone when Mr. Savage could meet him.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees December 16, 1941, based on offer of $50 from Mrs. W. M. Bostwick, Jr., to purchase three small islands in the St. Johns River, the following Notice was published in the Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Florida, in the issues of January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, February 17th, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described Islands in DUVAL County, Florida:

> ''ISLAND 'A': An Island shown on map of survey by Young & Croasdell, Inc., dated October 18, 1941, being an island on the North side of the channel of the St. Johns River and more particularly described and located as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 6 of Drummond Grant Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the former public records of Duval County, Florida; thence South 06° 39′ 40″ East, 770.13 feet to an iron pipe in the center of said island, containing 80 square feet or 0.002 acres. Said Island is approximately circular in form, having a diameter of approximately Ten (10) feet.

ISLAND 'B': An Island shown on map of survey by Young & Croasdell, Inc., dated October 18, 1941, being an Island on the North side of the channel of the St. Johns River and more particularly described and located as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 6 of Drummond Grant Subdivision recorded in plat book 1, page 17 of the former public records of Duval County, Florida; thence South 27° 56′ 50″ West, 1232.56 feet to an iron pipe on the Northwesterly side of island, containing 12,780 sq. ft. or 0.29 acres. The said Island has approximate dimensions 150 feet North and South by 85 feet East and West.

ISLAND 'C': An island shown on map of survey by Young & Croadsdell, Inc., dated October 18, 1941, being an island on the North side of the channel of the St. Johns River and more particularly described and located as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe at the Southeasterly corner of Lot 6 of Drummond Grant Subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 17 of the former public records of Duval County, Florida; thence South 33° 33′ 50″ West, 1785.11 feet to an iron pipe on the Northwesterly side of said island, containing 1257 sq. ft., or 0.03 acres. Said Island is nearly circular in form, having a diameter of approximately 40 feet.

The area contained in the above Islands is computed to normal high water line as of this date. The bearings given are U. S. C. & G. datum."

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that sale be consummated to Mrs. W. M. Bostwick, Jr., at the price offered—$50—plus advertising costs.

The Trustees on December 16, 1941, agreed to accept $100 an acre for 21 acres of land and $12,000 for Shoals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, containing approximately 469.35 acres in Dade County, applied for by H. P. Adair on behalf of James Deering Estate. The land was ordered advertised as required by Law and the following Notice published in the Miami Daily News of Miami, Florida, in the issues of January 16, 23, 30, February 6 and 13, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, February 17th, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described parcels of land in DADE County, Florida:

> Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of Fractional Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due North along the Easterly boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 5 for a distance of 1,305.87 feet to a concrete monument set in the North line of the Estate of James Deering, Key Biscayne, Florida, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40 at Page 93 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence South 83° 45′ 45″ West along the North line of the Estate of James Deering as aforesaid for a distance of 3962.0 feet to the point of beginning of the submerged lands herein described;
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> thence South 46° 30′ East for a distance of 300 feet to a point;
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> thence South 53° East for a distance of 375 feet to a point;
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> thence South 27° 30′ East for a distance of 460 feet to a point;
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> thence South 46° East for a distance of 962 feet to a point;
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> thence South 49° East for a distance of 765 feet to a point;
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> thence South 43° 30′ East for a distance of 350 feet to a point;

thence South 23° 30′ East for a distance of 380 feet to a point;

thence South 15° East for a distance of 845 feet to a point;

thence South 21° 30′ East for a distance of 1293 feet to a point;

thence South 18° 30′ East for a distance of 714 feet to a point;

thence South 29° East for a distance of 330 feet to a point;

thence South 54 degrees East for a distance of 330 feet to a point;

thence North 56° 37′ 55″ East for a distance of 240.79 feet to a point on the prolongation South of the Easterly boundary of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, at a distance of 4784.13 feet South of the N. E. corner of the aforesaid fractional Section 8;

thence due North along the prolongation South of the Easterly boundary of the aforesaid Section 8 for a distance of 50 feet more or less to the high water mark of Biscayne Bay; thence Westerly, Northerly and Northwesterly meandering the high water mark of Biscayne Bay for a distance of 7480 feet more or less to the intersection of said high water mark with the North line of the Estate of James Deering, Biscayne Key, Florida, according to plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 40 at Page 93 of the Public Records of Dade County, Florida; thence South 83° 45′ 45″ West along the North boundary of the Estate of James Deering, Key Biscayne, Florida, as aforesaid, for a distance of 30 feet more or less to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 21 acres more or less.

ALSO

SHOAL NO. 1:

Beginning at the NE corner of Fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 4150 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of

1670 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described. Thence North 71° West for a distance of 530 feet to a point:

thence North 57° West for a distance of 585 feet to a point;

thence North 82° 30′ East for a distance of 425 feet to a point;

thence North 5° 30′ West for a distance of 410 feet to a point;

thence due West for a distance of 780 feet to a point;

thence North 77° West for a distance of 465 feet to a point;

thence North 83° West for a distance of 790 feet to a point;

thence North 86° West for a distance of 885 feet to a point;

thence North 65° 30′ West for a distance of 1040 feet to a point;

thence North 6° West for a distance of 610 feet to a point;

thence South 79° 41′ 38″ East for a distance of 2245.94 feet to a point;

thence North 80° 30′ East for a distance of 880 feet to a point;

thence South 35° 30′ East for a distance of 490 feet to a point;

thence North 89° 30′ East for a distance of 590 feet to a point;

thence South 22° 30′ East for a distance of 645 feet to a point;

thence South 34° East for a distance of 590 feet to a point;

thence South 1° West for a distance of 520 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 79.25 acres, more or less.

SHOAL NO. 2:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 4850 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 3200 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described:

thence due South 100 feet to a point;
thence South 78° West for a distance of 1065 feet to a point;
thence South 86° 30′ West for a distance of 645 feet to a point;
thence South 81° 30′ West for a distance of 765 feet to a point;
thence North 84° 30′ West for a distance of 1250 feet to a point;
thence North 63° 30′ West for a distance of 475 feet to a point;
thence North 27° West for a distance of 480 feet to a point;
thence due East for a distance of 1385 feet to a point;
thence South 84° 27′ 30″ East for a distance of 2958.2 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 32.4 acres, more or less.

SHOAL NO. 3:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the Eastern boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 and the prolongation South thereof for a distance of 7590 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 29° 30′ East for a distance of 390 feet to a point;
thence South 16° 45′ West for a distance of 850 feet to a point;
thence South 89° 15′ West for a distance of 450 feet to a point;
thence South 60° 45′ West for a distance of 350 feet to a point;
thence North 79° 30′ West for a distance of 610 feet to a point:

thence North 88° 15′ West for a distance of 2035 feet to a point;

thence South 86° West for a distance of 2420 feet to a point;

thence South 88° West for a distance of 1580 feet to a point;

thence North 33° 15′ East for a distance of 1280 feet to a point;

thence North 86° East for a distance of 730 feet to a point;

thence North 35° 30′ East for a distance of 960 feet to a point;

thence North 77° 30′ East for a distance of 1600 feet to a point;

thence North 33° East for a distance of 1120 feet to a point;

thence North 83° 30′ East for a distance of 1425 feet to a point;

thence South 48° East for a distance of 940 feet to a point;

thence South 40° 54′ 20″ East for a distance of 1773.27 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 348.1 acres, more or less.

SHOAL NO. 4:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of fractional Section 8 of Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida, thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 3900 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1200 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 81° West for a distance of 70 feet to a point;

thence North 30° 30′ West for a distance of 150 feet to a point;

thence North 9° 8′ 40″ West for a distance of 566 feet to a point;

thence North 81° East for a distance of 20 feet to a point;

thence South 17° 30′ East for a distance of 720 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 1.10 acres, more or less.

SHOAL NO. 5:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 2610 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1650 feet to the point of begining of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 64° 30′ West for a distance of 60 feet to a point;

thence North 25° 30′ West for a distance of 830 feet to a point;

thence North 64° 30′ East for a distance of 60 feet to a point;

thence South 25° 30′ East for a distance of 830 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 1.10 acres more or less.

SHOAL NO. 6:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1300 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 2800 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 67° East for a distance of 250 feet to a point;

thence South 41° East for a distance of 360 feet to a point;

thence South 28° East for a distance of 600 feet to a point;

thence South 74° West for a distance of 80 feet to a point;

thence North 24° West for a distance of 300 feet to a point;

thence North 82° 30′ West for a distance of 280 feet to a point;

thence North 18° West for a distance of 260 feet to a point;

thence North 38° West for a distance of 375 feet to a point;

thence North 30° 22′ 7″ East for a distance of 78.6 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 3.5 acres more or less.

SHOAL NO. 7:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1760 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 2830 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 73° West for a distance of 180 feet to a point;

thence North 26° West for a distance of 350 feet to a point;

thence North 72° 30′ East for a distance of 85 feet to a point;

thence South 40° 22′ 41″ East for a distance of 377.42 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 1 acre more or less.

SHOAL NO. 8:

Beginning at the N. E. Corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1100 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 3450 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence South 59° West for a distance of 60 feet to a point;

thence North 35° West for a distance of 540 feet to a point;

thence North 23° East for a distance of 250 feet to a point;

thence South 81° East for a distance of 45 feet to a point;

thence South 26° 30′ East for a distance of 310 feet to a point;

thence South 12° 44′ 2″ East for a distance of 366.11 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 2.4 acres more or less.

SHOAL NO. 9:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of fractional Section 8, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida; thence due South along the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 1940 feet to a point; thence due West at right angles to the East boundary of the aforesaid fractional Section 8 for a distance of 7050 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described;

thence North 39° 30′ West for a distance of 100 feet to a point;

thence North 50° 30′ East for a distance of 210 feet to a point;

thence South 39° 30′ East for a distance of 100 feet to a point;

thence South 50° 30′ West for a distance of 210 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of submerged land herein described, containing 0.5 of an acre more or less.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections were filed or presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consummate sale in favor of James Deering Estate at a price of $100 an acre for the parcel containing 21 acres and $12,000 for the nine Shoals described, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees on November 24, 1941, agreed to advertise for objections 11.4 acres of sovereignty land in Sarasota County, based on bid of $115 from J. J. Williams on behalf of the City of Venice. Also on December 30, 1941, agreed to advertise for objections two (2) acres of submerged land in Sarasota County for H. A. Wisotzkey, represented by Williams and Dart, consideration to be $100 an acre. The following Notice was published in the Herald-Tribune of Sarasota, Florida, in the issues of January 16, 23, 30, and February 6 and 13, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, January 12, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, February 17th, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged and sovereignty land in SARASOTA County, Florida:

> Begin at a point at the ordinary high water mark where the shore of the Gulf of Mexico intersects the North line of Section 11, Township 39 South, Range 18 East; thence East 480 feet for a point of beginning; thence continue East 880 feet; thence South 550 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence S. 31° West 433 feet; thence S. 70° 20′ West 220 feet; thence North 850 feet; thence West 300 feet; thence North 180 feet to the point of beginning, being in Section 12, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, and containing 11.4 acres.
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> ALSO
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> Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot 11 Block 3 of a Plat of Sunset Park Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 1 at page 308 of the public records of Manatee County; thence West 110 feet; thence North 22° 40′ East, 420 feet; thence North 71° 40′

East, 325 feet; thence South 160 feet to shore of Sarasota Bay; thence Southwesterly along mean high water on Sarasota Bay to the point of beginning, being in Section 24, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, and containing 2 acres.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Objections to the sale of 11.4 acres applied for by City of Venice were filed by Dr. Fred H. Albee who claimed that the land adjoined his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on sale to the City of Venice and that Mr. Bayless be directed to request Mr. Williams and Dr. Albee to get together and try and work out a satisfactory disposition of the differences. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered.

No objections being presented or filed to the sale in favor of H. A. Wisotzkey, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the price of $100 an acre for the two acres, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $75 was presented from Thos. W. Butler of Sarasota, Florida, for the purchase of Lot 6, S/D of 4, 6 and 8, Block "Y," Plat of Sarasota. Information was that the lot is located in the colored section of Sarasota, title to which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, with decree in amount of $53.77.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $75 for Lot 6, Block Y, Plat of Sarasota. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Application was presented from George J. Ramsey of Miami, Florida, offering $5 for the following land covered by Everglades Drainage District tax certificates:

Cert. No. 3476—8/5/29—N½ of NW¼ of SW¼ of NE¼ Section 34, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Cert. No. 3359—8/5/29—Lot 8, Redland Citrus Orchards, Section 16, Township 56 South, Range 39 East, Dade County.

Statement from the Secretary was that $3.44 was amount of the two certificates and that Mr. Ramsey held tax deed on the two parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $5 for the two parcels described in view of the equity owned by Mr. Ramsey in the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary submitted report from the Attorney General as to authority of the Internal Improvement Fund to dedicate land in Levy County, title to which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, for use by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission as game propagation areas. The opinion of the Attorney General is "that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are not authorized under the law to set aside or dedicate the 1040 acres of land in Levy County for the use of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission."

The Attorney General verbally reported that the Trustees were authorized to allow use of the land under permit or lease for a specified term of years, and that something along that line might be worked out if desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to refer the matter to the Attorney General with request that he take the matter up with the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission with a view to working out some form of permit allowing use of the land for game propagation purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that in the preparation of lists of land owned by the State within Everglades Drainage District, according to the provisions of Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, it would be desirable to amend Resolution adopted September 24, 1941, certifying State lands within Everglades Drainage District to the Board of Commissioners of said District. Mr. Elliot read and explained the proposed amendment, whereupon motion was made by

Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following Resolution be adopted as amending and taking the place of Resolution adopted September 24, 1941:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by said Trustees for the year 1941, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, as appearing in the column headed "Description" and the column headed "Value," which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

Upon vote the motion was carried and the Resolution adopted.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that he had prepared a report of drainage taxes on Internal Improvement Fund lands and had furnished each member with copy for their consideration.

Request was made that action on the report be deferred until the members had an opportunity to study the report and it was ordered that consideration be deferred till a later meeting.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Thad Whidden for release of oil and mineral reservations on Lots 15 and 15 "A," S/D of Sections 23 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, town of Pahokee, Palm Beach County, with offer of $10 for deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Whidden releasing oil and mineral reservations in the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued upon payment of $10.

Application was presented from P. L. Carlton of Fort Green, Florida, offering $100 for the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 11, Township 33 South, Range 21 East, Martin County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $100 for the $40 acres of land in Martin County, but that counter proposal be made to sell the tract at $125. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to inform Mr. Carlton of action taken.

Offer of Fifty (50) Cents an acre was made by B. C. Achemire of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for one year grazing lease on the following described land:

> Tract 29, Section 26, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 14.5 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize one year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Achemire on the land applied for upon payment of 50 cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered drawn.

Application was received from R. D. Yoder offering $15 an acre for marginal land in Section 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $15 an acre for the land desired by Mr. Yoder, but that counter proposal be made to lease the land for grazing purposes at a price of 50 cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Mr. J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer, requesting that in connection with the new Overseas Highway road, the Trustees do not allow any one contractor to secure control of borrow pits on the entire area along the Florida Keys adjacent to the highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees make proper record of Mr. Dowling's request so that no one contractor will be allowed to obtain a monopoly on the underwater borrow pits mentioned in the letter from the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Leland Breckenridge of Miami, Florida, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in his favor covering

> Lot 3, Section 21, Township 50 South, Range 40 East, Broward County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Lot in question was a part of the conveyance to R. J. Bolles, was attempted to be reconveyed by Bolles to the State but description failed to give the Section. Later tax certificates were issued against the property and suit to quiet title was brought by individuals, naming the Trustees as parties, but for some reason the State did not see fit to defend itself and now has no legal claim to the Lot. Recommendation is that quitclaim deed be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed in the name of Ferguson Dairy Corporation, clients of Mr. Breckenridge, upon payment of $10. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the following salaries, expense account and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,430.50 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenograhper	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Fied Agent	10.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Fla.	15.00
The Florida Time Union, Jacksonville, Fla.	54.40
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	32.10
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.	38.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.50
TOTAL	$1,430.50

Financial Statement for the month of January 1942, is as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$ 4,560.77	
Advertising Fee	10.00	
Fishing Campsite	56.25	
Telephone Cable R/W	37.50	
Grazing Lease	1,937.94	
Farm Lease	8,207.96	
Sand & Shell Lease	404.50	
Timber Lease	12.47	
Rock Lease	37.50	
Total Receipts	$15,264.89	$ 15,264.89
Balance as of January 1, 1942		214,652.69
Grand Total		$229,917.58
Less Disbursements during the month of January, 1942		3,225.14
Balance on Hand as of January 31, 1942		$226,692.44

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Jan. 9,	141785	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$ 791.04
10,	143882	F. E. Bayless	63.30
20,	153726	Rose Printing Company	705.60
	153727	W. B. Granger	17.30
	153728	F. E. Bayless	76.55
	153729	S. S. Savage	142.05
	153730	E. B. Savage	53.80
	153731	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
31,	159227	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	159228	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	159229	M. O. Barco	175.00
	159230	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	159231	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	159232	S. S. Savage	200.00
	159233	J. B. Lee	10.00
	159234	E. B. Savage	85.00

Total Disbursements During the Month of January, 1942 $3,225.14

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1942

Balance on hand Janury 1, 1942	$18,620.72
Receipts for the month	18,913.57
GRAND TOTAL	$37,534.29
Less Disbursements for the month	31,818.72
BALANCE ON HAND JANUARY 31, 1942	$ 5,715.57

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Jan. 20,	151294	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$ 14.87
	151295	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	13.32
22,	152341	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	10.00
	153732	Western Union Tel. Co.	10.30
	153733	Postal Tel.-Cable Co.	1.14
	153734	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	6.40
	153735	Rose Printing Co.	120.00
	153736	G. M. Simmons, C. C. C.	2.00
	153737	W. G. Larkins, C. C. C.	81.44
	153738	Ray E. Green, C. C. C.	1.50
	153739	Millard B. Conklin, A. A. G.	58.75
	153740	Frank Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	153741	Frank Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	153742	Rose Printing Co.	414.40
	154462	John C. Crandall	40.00
	154463	Hartford Properties Inc.	8.00
31,	159235	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	159236	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	159237	Helen Phillips	125.00
	159238	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	159239	J. R. Roberts	100.80
	159240	John C. Moore	100.80
	159241	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	159242	M. O. Barco	25.00
	159243	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	165801	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	30,000.00

Total Disbursements for January, 1942 $31,818.72

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1942	Balance	$1,500.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

January 31, 1942	Balance	$1,500.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the salaries of J. R. Roberts and John C. Moore, now employed in the office of F. C. Elliot at a salary of $125 per month, be raised to $150 monthly, effective as of March 1, 1942. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296 in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were proper in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	1/21/42	26
Dade	1/21/42	42
Dade	2/4/42	38
Duval	1/14/42	35
Flagler	2/2/42	5
Franklin	1/5/42	5
Gadsden	1/19/42	4
Hamilton	2/9/42	3
Hardee	2/2/42	7
Hendry	11/29/41	8
Hendry	1/30/42	8
Hillsborough	1/19/42	121
Holmes	1/5/42	4
Indian River	2/2/42	2
Jefferson	2/9/42	4
Lake	1/12/42	44
Leon	2/2/42	6
Madison	2/2/42	2

Manatee	2/2/42	7
Marion	2/2/42	18
Martin	12/29/41	1
Nassau	2/9/42	4
Okeechobee	1/30/42	3
Orange	2/2/42	8
Pasco	2/3/42	9
Pinellas	1/13/42	95
Pinellas	2/6/42	1
Polk	12/30/41	42
St. Lucie	2/2/42	13
Sumter	1/26/42	24
Volusia	2/2/42	17

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the following deed presented by the Secretary be approved and authority given for execution and delivery thereof:

Manatee County Deed No. 376—To City of Palmetto
Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deed ordered executed and delivered.

Application was presented from American Telephone & Telegraph Company of Atlanta Georgia, for right of way across the following Murphy Act lands in Duval County for the purpose of re-locating pole lines:

> Lot 9, Block 43; Lot 16, Block 44; Lot 1, Block 47; East Grand Park, a Subdivision of Jacksonville, Florida, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 51

Mr. Elliot recommended that the easement be granted upon payment of fifty (50) cents per rod for right of way 10 feet wide.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement across the Murphy Act lands as applied for by American Telephone & Telegraph Company, upon payment of fifty (50) cents per rod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed and delivered.

Request was submitted from Peoples Water and Gas Company, by J. B. Patterson, of the law firm of Geo. W. English, Jr., Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for right of way through the following Murphy Act land in Broward County:

NE¼ of NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 33, Township
50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Offer of $40 was made for easement fifteen (15) feet wide by six hundred sixty (660) feet long, or approximately 0.23 acres of land.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant right of way easement 15 x 660 feet in favor of Peoples Water and Gas Company across the land described upon payment of $40. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from R. W. Reynolds of Miami, Florida, with reference to title insurance on land under Chapter 18296 conveyed by the Trustees to private individuals.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that this matter be held over till a later date. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements over lands under Chapter 18296, desired in connection with the following State roads:

Hillsborough County—
    Road No. 341—Project 5591—SRD No. 96
Polk County—
    Road No. 34—Project 5687—SRD No. 20

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department through Murphy Act land in Hillsborough and Polk Counties. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that applications had been received for release of reservation for state road right of ways from purchasers of land under Chapter 18296 and recommendations had been made by the State Road Department for release of the whole or a portion of the right of way in Clay, DeSoto and Nassau Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute the following quitclaim deeds as recommended by the State Road Department:

Clay County Quitclaim Deed No. 26—Lloyd Bass
Clay County Quitclaim Deed No. 47—Lloyd Bass
DeSoto County Quitclaim Deed No. 91—C. T. Daniel & Opal Daniel
Nassau County Quitclaim Deed No. 58-Cor.—M. C. Moore

Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered executed and delivered.

Request was presented from Paul Souder of Sarasota, Florida, requesting that the Trustees withhold delivery of Sarasota County Deed No. 322 in favor of Muriel West, information being furnished that several colored people had contracts with former owner to purchase and were actually paying on the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee that Sarasota County Deed No. 322 in favor of Muriel West be held pending investigation by the Committee as to purchasers under contract from former owner. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted that the following salaries and bills amounting to $1,362.64 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment therefor:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer	125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer	100.00
John C. Moore, Clerk	125.00
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	125.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer, part time	25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer, part time	25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary, part time	50.00
The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	4.23
Postal-Telegraph Cable Co., Tallahassee	.67
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla	284.74
James A. Ellis Co., Jacksonville, Fla	48.00
TOTAL	$1,362.64

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
February 24, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

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Mr. Bayless presented offer of $525.00 from Crawford Rainwater of Pensacola, Florida, for Fractional Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 32 West, containing 157.47 acres in Escambia County, located in Perdido River and Perdido Bay. Information was that Lot 2 of this Section has been used by the public as a fishing camp site for a number of years and a man by the name of Lewis has an old house on the lot. Field Agent's appraisal shows a value of $510.94.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids based on Mr. Rainwater's offer of $525.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Application was presented from Paul W. Rode, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with offer of $2,407.08 for the following land:

Tracts 2 to 7 Inclusive—Tier 20
Tracts 1 to 7 Inclusive—Tier 18
Tracts 1 to 7 Inclusive—Tier 22
Township 50 South, Range 41 East
Containing 200.33 acres, in Broward County,

located immediately North of North New River Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trusees decline the offer of $2,407.08 made by Mr. Rode, but that the land be advertised for competitive bids based on not less than $3,559.50. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was ordered that Mr. Rode be informed of the action taken.

Consideration was given to offer of $5 an acre from Burton Mills of Milton, Florida, to purchase the following land:

> N½ of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 26 West, Santa Rosa County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, to accept offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Mills. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from James A. Dew of West Palm Beach, Florida, with offer of $10 an acre for the following land:

> Sections 18 and 19, Township 45 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County,

the said land to be advertised for bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise the land applied for by Mr. Dew for competitive bids based on his offer of $10 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that consideration of report from Mr. Elliot of Drainage taxes on Internal Improvement Fund lands be deferred till the full membership could be present. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Broward	2/16/42	20
Broward	2/9/42	57
Gadsden	2/14/42	7
Hillsborough	2/9/42	18
Hillsborough	2/10/42	72
Lake	2/9/42	13
Lee	1/6/42	10
Lee	1/19/42	9
Madison	12/1/41	1
Monroe	2/10/42	18
Okeechobee	2/16/42	2
Polk	2/10/42	12
Putnam	2/7/42	45
Sarasota	2/9/42	22
Seminole	2/10/42	5
Taylor	1/3/42	3
Taylor	1/31/42	4
Wakulla	2/7/42	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protests filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following correction deeds presented by the Secretary be approved and ordered executed for delivery:

Dade County Deed No. 1301-Cor.
Dade County Deed No. 1363-Cor.
DeSoto County Deed No. 67-Cor.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed and transmitted.

Mr. Elliot reported that request had been received from Jay A. Shuler for release of part of State Road Right of Way in Deed No. 47, Franklin County; that recommendation had been made by the State Road Department that the reservation be released in part and deed was presented for action by the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Franklin County Quitclaim Deed No. 47 be issued in favor of Jay A. Shuler releasing that portion of the Road Right of Way recommended by the State Road Department, upon payment of the usual service charge of $2.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed and delivered.

Under provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, request was submitted from the City of Sarasota for deed to certain land owned by the City prior to passage of the Murphy Act. Information was furnished that requirements of the law had been complied with, as well as deposit of amount due the School Fund under opinion of the Attorney General.

The Comptroller not being familiar with the provisions of the Act, Chapter 20424 of 1941 was read. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action on this deed be deferred till next meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from Honorable W. P. Dodd, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, stating that the only newspaper in the County had suspended publication for the time being and requesting information as to the proper notice to be given of sales under the Murphy Act.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that under the early rules and regulations the Agents of the Trustees were directed to post notices in the Court House in the absence of a newspaper in the County and recommended that such procedure be followed in this case.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that previous requirements in the rules and regulations be reinstated and where no newspaper is published in the County that Notice of Sale be posted in a conspicuous place in the Court House and another notice posted in a conspicuous place on the property, if the property be actually occupied. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

The Secretary was requested to inform Mr. Dodd of the action taken.

Letters from R. Watkins Reynolds, Miami, Florida, postponed from last meeting, were presented having reference to title insurance on land under Chapter 18296, conveyed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to private individuals. The proposal in general submitted by Mr. Reynolds is as follows:

> That the Insurance Company leave with the Clerks of the Circuits Courts of the various counties applications for title insurance to be executed by proposed purchasers where such insurance was desired. Upon deed being issued by the Trustees, the Clerk would complete a form of certificate required by the Title Company, and upon such certificate being executed, showing that the various rules and regulations had been fully complied with, title policies would be issued without the necessity of applicant obtaining an abstract of title and without the necessity of any legal opinion being rendered.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that the things required by Mr. Reynolds were already being done and he could see no objection to the Clerks certifying to any insurance company that these steps had been performed by him.

Discussion was had on the proposal and it was the opinion of the members that it would be advantageous for the title conveyed by the State to be such as would be recognized by insurance companies but they were not agreeable to recommending any one company. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be directed to inform Mr. Reynolds that the Trustees could not grant his request by recommending that title insurance be taken out with his company, but they were interested in having title as passed under the Murphy Act be of suffcient strength to be recognized for title insurance. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Captain David G. Fitch, Corps of Engineers, Atlanta, Georgia, on behalf of the United States, for lease covering a tract of land in Martin and Palm Beach Counties of approximately 2700 acres, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, the land to be used for National Defense Requirements of the War Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request of the United States and execute lease with option of renewal from year to year. Upon vote motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot reported that there was available $25,000 for transfer from funds under Chapter 18296 to the General Revenue Fund and warrant was being requested from the

Comptroller in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$25,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 11, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Governor Holland called to the attention of the Trustees the request from the Navy Department of the United States for deed to property owned by the State in Broward County, heretofore leased by the Government. Upon discussion it was thought that a long term lease would serve the same purpose, with provisions for renewal of lease from year to year and removal of any improvements on the property at expiration of the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States on 274.85 acres of land in Section 22, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, in Broward County, with privilege of renewal from year to year so long as desired and the right to remove any improvements placed thereon upon termination of lease. Consideration to be $1.00 per annum. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered prepared and executed.

The Trustees' attention was also called to request from the United States Navy for use of a small spoil area adjacent to Dinner Key for an ammunition dump.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the United States for using a spoil area adjacent to Dinner Key as an ammunition dump; permit to be renewable from year to year for the duration of the war and conditioned that no high structures be constructed or other obstructions to interfere with aviation base on Dinner Key. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered executed upon description of the area and other necessary information being furnished by the Federal Government.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 17, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that Minutes of the Trustees dated February 17 and 24, 1942, be approved as presented. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Florida Board of Forestry that certain lands in Clay, Hillsborough and Calhoun Counties, which were deeded to the Trustees for Forest and Park purposes, be formally dedicated by the Trustees for State Park purposes. It was recommended that a proper resolution of dedication be adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida acquired by deed from Columbia Forests and Farms, Inc., and from Foremost Properties, Inc., the following described land in Clay County, Florida:

> E½ of E½ of SW¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 23 East—40 acres;
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> NE¼ and W½ of SE¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 23 East—240 acres;
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> SW¼; SW¼ of NW¼; W½ of SE¼; SE¼ of SE¼; NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 23 East,

and

WHEREAS, the following described lands in Hillsborough County were deeded to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by Wayne Thomas and by Mrs. Bertha P. Blaul:

> S½ of NW¼; SW¼ and that portion of E½ lying South of River and West of Road No. 156—Section 8, Township 27 South, Range 21 East;
> N¼ and North 15 acres of S½ of N½ of Section 17, Township 27 South, Range 21 East,

and

WHEREAS, the following described lands in Liberty County were deeded to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by Lucindie Williams, Sarah Stewart and Henry I. Wiggins:

> NE¼ of NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 7 West;
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> SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 7 West;
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> NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 7 West,

and

WHEREAS, the above described lands were deeded to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for Forest and Park purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks has requested that the land described in Clay County be dedicated and included in GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK, and that the land described in Hillsborough County be dedicated and included in HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK, and that the land described in Liberty County be dedicated and included in TORREYA STATE PARK, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that all of the lands above described in Clay County be and the same are hereby dedicated and declared to be in GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK, and all the lands above described in Hillsborough County be and the same are hereby dedicated and declared to be in HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK, and that all of the lands above described in Liberty County be and the same are hereby dedicated and declared to be in TORREYA STATE PARK; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks be and it is hereby authorized to proceed with such work in connection with the said Parks as may be desirable and beneficial.

Upon vote the motion was carried and the resolution adopted dedicating the lands described therein for State Park purposes.

Upon request from St. Lucie Lumber Company that the time limit be extended on a certain lease between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and said Company, bearing date of March 22, 1941, and expiring March 22, 1942, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that extension be allowed for a period of three months ending June 22, 1942, conditioned that the lease for which this extension is granted shall in all respects remain and be effective till the extended date, including bond accompanying said lease. As evidence that said bond shall cover the extended period, Lessee shall furnish the Trustees with certificate from Florida Surety Company to the effect that said bond shall prevail and shall cover the lease as extended in all respects as effectively as it covered the lease for which it was originally furnished. Land in Martin County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the extension granted.

Application was presented from Harry F. Noyes of Bronson, Florida, to purchase the following described land in Levy County which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

> SW¼ of SW¼ of Section 10, Township 13 South, Range 17 East—40 acres.

Information was furnished that the land is cut-over sand hill or black ridge from which all the timber was recently cut, and appraisal sometime ago estimated the value of the land at $2.50 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, to authorize sale of the land applied for by Mr. Noyes at a price of $2.50 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary requested to offer the land to Mr. Noyes at the price placed thereon.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, in which information was given that Composition Plan for Everglades Drainage District had been filed in the Federal Court and would come up for argument March 16th. Pending decision of the Court, Mr. Hall asked that matters required to be done by the Trustees be held in abeyance.

The Trustees instructed that the request of Mr. Hall be complied with and directed that his letter be filed for future reference.

Request was presented from John Fite Robertson, representing E. S. Boyd, for release of statutory reservations in deed issued to Mr. Boyd conveying Sarasota County land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929.

Upon recommendation of the Secretary that reservations in the deeds be quitclaimed upon payment of the customary charge, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Boyd upon payment of $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees December 23, 1941, on application from Byron T. Sauls, on behalf of the town of Gulfport, Florida, offering $10 plus advertising costs for 8.50 acres of Pinellas County land, the following Notice was published in the Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Florida, in the issues of February 13, 20, 27, March 6 and 13, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, February 9, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, March 17, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in PINELLAS County, Florida:

> That parcel of land being the submerged land and area in the SW¼ of NW¼ of SW¼ which lies South of the Government Meander in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, containing 8.50 acres, more or less, located and being in Pinellas County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections being filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale of the land described in notice be consummated to the Town of Gulfport, Florida, upon payment of $10 an acre, plus cost of advertising, deed to contain reversion clause in the event the land should be used for other than public purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Port St. Joe Dock & Terminal Company to purchase 5.41 acres of reclaimed sovereignty land in Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County, Florida, adjacent to upland property, for which land an offer of $550.00 was made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of $550 be accepted for the land applied for by Port St. Joe Dock and Terminal Company, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Offer of $10 an acre was presented from T. W. Conely, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of client, for marginal land between the 17 foot contour and the Government Dyke in the Eagle Bay section—Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to sell the land at the price offered, but that Mr. Conely be notified that the Trustees would consider application to lease the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $12 an acre from L. L. Addison, Okeechobee, Florida, for 11.5 acres of land between Conners Highway and the 17 foot contour of Lake Okeechobee in Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 36 East, Okeechobee County, but that applicant be notified that an offer to lease would be considered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from United States Coast Guard for modification of Easement Grant No. 18618 affecting an area adjacent to Coast Guard Station in Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Modification was desired to increase the area heretofore granted and permit erection of a bulkhead on a portion of the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request of the U. S. Coast Guard for change in Easement Grant be allowed and the necessary modification made. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. R. Richardson of Tallahassee, on behalf of clients, offering $14 an acre for the following described land:

E½ of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 38 East;

W½ of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 38 East,

Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $14 an acre presented by Mr. Richardson for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Suggestion was made that the land be advertised for competitive bids, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids the land described above applied for by Mr. Richardson. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for competitive bidding.

Request was presented from Charles M. Fozzard, Jacksonville, Florida, that sand and gravel Lease No. 101 expiring June 10, 1942, be modified by reducing monthly minimum royalty on the ground that the war has reduced sale of sand products.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that owing to the short time the lease has to run that no reduction be made in the $25 monthly minimum royalty. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the request of Mr. Fozzard denied.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for perpetual easement for right of way over certain sovereignty land, being through a portion of Lake Gordon, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement in favor of the State Road Department over sovereignty land, being a portion of Lake Gordon in Polk County, for use in connection with State Road No. 8, Project 605 (5209)—SRD No. 614. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easement allowed.

Request was submitted from A. A. Poston, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, for release of statutory reservations in connection with proposed sale of 28 acres of sovereignty land in Section 5, Township 41 South, Range 43 East.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the reservations be released as requested by Mr. Poston without monetary consideration, such concession being made in view of the public nature of the project. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following offers were submitted from the War Department for State land in Polk County desired in connection with aviation training for National Defense:

S½ of NE¼ and NE¼ of SE¼—Sec. 34, Twp. 31S., Rge. 30E.—$340.00

SE¼—Sec. 32, Twp. 31S., Rge. 30E.—$505.00

Mr. Bayless reported that the offers made by the United States were less than the appraised value—$430 and $755 respectively,

In consideration of the use to which the land will be put, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offers submitted by the War Department be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $2,353.40 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer	$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk & Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Field Agent	10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man to S. S. Savage	105.00
E. B. Savage, Ocala, Florida	120.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	300.60
E. B. Savage, Compass Man, Ocala, Fla.	91.15
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	26.10
Miami Daily News, Miami, Fla.	273.00
News Press Publishing Company, Fort Myers, Fla.	12.00
Clearwater Publishing Co., Clearwater, Fla.	8.00
Security Abst. & Ins. Co., West Palm Beach, Fla.	83.00
Capital City Publishing Company, Tallahassee	34.05
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	10.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	5.50
TOTAL	$2,353.40

Financial Statements for the month of February, 1942, are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$3,195.58	
Land Sale—Hillsborough County—Under Chapter 14,572, Acts of 1929	150.00	
Quit Claim to Oil and Mineral Rights Reserved in Deed No. 16599	3.75	
Quit Claim to interest in land	37.50	
Farm Leases	3,561.71	
Grazing Leases	425.89	
Button Shell Lease	56.25	
Mineral Lease	225.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	405.71	
Rock Lease	37.50	
Lease for Military Purposes	.75	
Fishing Campsite	37.50	
Advertising Cost in connection with sale of State Lands in Duval Co.	65.65	
Total Receipts	$8,202.79	$ 8,202.79
Balance as of February 1, 1942		226,692.44
Grand Total		$234,895.23
Less Disbursements during month of February, 1942		1,430.50
Balance on Hand as of February 27, 1942		$233,464.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Feb. 17,	181142	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	$ 15.00
	181143	Florida Times-Union	54.40
	181144	W. B. Granger	32.10
	181145	Rose Printing Co.	38.50
	181146	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
28,	190046	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	190047	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	190048	M. O. Barco	175.00

190049	Jentye Dedge	175.00
190050	H. L. Shearer	50.00
190051	S. S. Savage	200.00
190052	J. B. Lee	10.00
	Total Disbursements for the Month of February, 1942	$1,430.50

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18,296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1942

Balance on hand February 1, 1942	$ 5,715.57
Receipts for the month	28,222.88
GRAND TOTAL	$33,938.45
Less Disbursements for the month	26.398.87
BALANCE ON HAND FERUARY 28, 1942	$ 7,539.58

DISBURSEMENTS DURING FEBRUARY, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Feb. 23,	181668	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$ 36.23
17,	181147	Western Union Tel. Co.	4.23
	181148	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.67
	181149	H. & W. B. Drew Co	284.74
	181150	James A. Ellis Co	48.00
28,	190053	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	190054	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	190055	Helen Phillips	125.00
	190056	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	190057	John C. Moore	125.00
	190058	J. R. Roberts	125.00
	190059	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	190060	M. O. Barco	25.00
	190061	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	183613	J. Edwin Larson	25,000.00
		Total Disbursements for February 1942	$26,398.87

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Financial Statement for the Month of February, 1942.

RECEIPTS

Feb. 1, 1942—Balance on hand	$1,500.00
Feb. 11, 1942—Oil Lease	7.50
Feb. 28, 1942—GRAND TOTAL	$1,507.50

DISBURSEMENTS

None

Feb. 28, 1942—Balance	$1,507.50

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	2/27/42	3
Bay	2/9/42	14
Bay	2/23/42	7
Bradford	2/26/42	3
Brevard	2/10/42	3
Charlotte	1/5/42	3
Charlotte	2/9/42	4
Clay	1/3/42	4
Clay	1/31/42	21
Columbia	2/18/42	5
Columbia	3/4/42	5
Dade	2/16/42	48
Dade	2/18/42	42
DeSoto	2/2/42	9
Hamilton	2/23/42	1
Hardee	3/2/42	18
Hernando	1/24/42	4
Hernando	2/16/42	4
Hillsborough	2/24/42	66

Indian River	3/2/42	6
Indian River	3/9/42	2
Jackson	2/9/42	14
Jefferson	3/9/42	9
Leon	3/2/42	12
Levy	2/9/42	4
Manatee	2/2/42	1
Manatee	3/2/42	10
Marion	3/2/42	26
Martin	7/7/41	1
Martin	9/8/41	1
Martin	2/9/42	3
Okeechobee	3/5/42	1
Orange	3/2/42	15
Osceola	2/2/42	7
Osceola	3/2/42	53
Palm Beach	2/13/42	37
Pasco	3/3/42	11
Polk	1/30/42	42
St. Johns	2/13/42	26
St. Lucie	3/2/42	4
Sumter	2/23/42	22
Suwannee	2/9/42	8
Taylor	1/31/42	4
Walton	2/11/42	3
Walton	2/18/42	1
Washington	1/23/42	7

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve for execution and delivery Dade County Correction Deed No. 1654, it having been ascertained that Grantee's name was erroneously written in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized executed and delivered upon payment of $2.00.

The Trustees deferred action at the meeting of February 24, on Sarasota County Municipal Deed No. 8 issued in favor of the City of Sarasota under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941. The deed was again presented for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Sarasota County Municipal Deed No. 8 be approved and authority given for execution and delivery. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Governor submitted letter from Mr. Wayne Thomas of Plant City requesting withdrawal from sale of land in Sections 35 and 36, Township 28 South, Range 21 East, Hillsborough County, which came to the State under Chapter 18296. Information was furnished that the land would probably soon be required in connection with an airport or other defense needs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Murphy Act land in above sections be withdrawn from sale and that the Clerk be so notified. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Larson reported to the Trustees that there was considerable confusion in Bay County with reference to land which had been withdrawn from sale at the request of the United States; that with reference to land located on one side of the Bay, former owners were allowed to purchase, while on the other side they were denied that privilege.

Mr. Elliot explained that upon information from the United States certain land in Bay County would be needed in connection with a flexible gunnery school in the interest of National Defense, the Clerk was notified to withhold the land from sale; that since such instruction to the Clerk a Declaration of Taking was filed by the Government which had the effect of vesting title to the lands covered by the Declaration of Taking in the United States. Therefore the Trustees have no further jurisdiction and are not permitted to sell or in any manner dispose of the property. It was suggested that the State Treasurer and Mr. Elliot confer on this subject and that the Clerk, as the Trustees' Agent, be informed as to the State's position since the filing of the Declaration of Taking. The above suggestion was adopted as the action of the Board and the matter referred to Mr. Larson and Mr. Elliot for disposition.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in connection with State roads in Duval, Jefferson and Volusia Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize easements in favor of the State Road Department in connection with the following roads:

Duval County—
Road No. 204—Proj. 1025 (5500)—SRD No. 159

Jefferson County—
Road No. 43—Proj. 722 (5456)—SRD No. 16

Volusia County—
Road No. 140—Proj. 5509 —SRD No. 38

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements granted.

Application was presented from the United States requesting lease on certain land owned by the State under Chapter 18296 located in Alachua County, to be used as an Air Base site. Mr. Elliot reported that form of lease had been prepared subject to final check of descriptions.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease be executed in favor of the United States covering 1041 acres of land in Alachua County applied for, subject to final verification of descriptions. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the United States for permission to use Murphy Act land in Leon County for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a telephone line in connection with the Air Base at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustee authorize Permit in favor of the United States for erecting and maintaining telephone lines across the NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 7, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit authorized.

Hillsborough County Case—Willie Peoples Knight: Mabry, Reeves and Carlton, Attorneys, request that consideration be given to property formerly owned by Willie Peoples Knight, now owned by the State under Chapter 18296. Statement was made that former owner has been a widow for a number of years and was entitled to homestead exemption at the time certificate was issued on the property.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the case be referred to the Comptroller for determination as to whether the certificates were subject to cancellation by his office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the case of Willie Peoples Knight be referred to the Comptroller for ascertaining whether the certificates were subject to cancellation. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Mrs. W. A. Saunders, Secretary to Stephen Foster Memorial, requesting that Murphy Act land in Hamilton County, adjoining the Memorial, be withdrawn from sale and that authority be given for protecting the parcel from trespass. Mr. Elliot reported that he had notified the Clerk to withhold from sale the land in question pending action by the Trustees and had also instructed the Sheriff of the County to investigate the reported trespass and take the necessary steps to protect the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees withdraw the lands from sale and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court be notified to not accept applications to purchase other than from Stephen Foster Memorial. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Action was deferred on Jackson County Special Case—Mrs. Mable Kirkland—for further information.

The following Report was presented from the Committee appointed to investigate and dispose of Special Cases under the Murphy Act:

March 2, 1942

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building

Re: Murphy Sale in Special Case Held
Up Because of Insufficient Bid

Gentlemen:

Your Committee, undersigned, having examined the list of property submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sale for price considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid of $120.00 shown upon Sheet No. 68 herewith enclosed.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved for the minimum base bid shown on the enclosed sheet under the line of "Committee Recommends."

Respectfully yours

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

GFS:hp

Enclosure

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve report as submitted and authorize advertisement of the land with minimum bid of $120 upon application being submitted by J. W. Keen. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,318.86 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee		$ 6.06
Capital City Publishing Company, Tallahassee		151.70
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville		56.10
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee		30.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer		125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer		100.00
John C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	5.84	
		144.16
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer, part time		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer, part time		25.00

F. C. Elliot, Secretary, part time	50.00
Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee	7.71
Total	$1,318.86

The following refund checks were issued during the month of March, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Geo. E. Evans Clerk Circuit Court Alachua County Gainesville, Florida	$108.00
Harry Klein c/o J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C. Palm Beach County West Palm Beach, Florida	157.50
TOTAL	$265.50

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
March 31, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. S. W. Getzen of Gainesville, Florida, accompanied by Mr. Adams, came before the Trustees with reference to proposed recreational center at Milwaukee Springs, about 31 miles from Camp Blanding, for colored soldiers and citizens. Information was furnished that prospects were very good for Federal appropriation of approximately fifty or sixty thousand dollars to be used in the construction of Recreation Buildings at Milwaukee Springs on land which Mr. Adams proposes to make available for that purpose, but the United States cannot accept deeds of conveyance from private individuals, and request is being made that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be the governmental agency to which conveyance of the land may be made and the Trustees in turn make conveyance to the United States.

President Lee of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, Tallahassee, together with a delegation of colored people interested in securing this recreational center for the colored people of the State, urged that the Trustees assist in securing this center.

Mr. Getzen advised the Board that in addition to the first allocation of $60,000.00 it was anticipated that the expenditure would reach approximately a million dollars and would provide facilities for convalescent colored soldiers, as well as recreation and amusement for colored people of that section.

Upon discussion as to the authority of the Trustees to grant the request, motion was made by Mr. Lee that the Trustees accept title to the land from Mr. Adams and thereafter make conveyance to the United States, provided there is legal authority for such procedure. Motion seconded by the Attorney General and upon vote duly adopted. Whereupon the question was referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether the Trustees or some other State agency could take title to the Milwaukee Springs area for transfer to the Federal Agency.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Attorney General presented letter from the law firm of Mitchell & Donahoo, Jacksonville, Florida, with reference to instructions from the Comptroller to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County for assignment of certain tax certificates covering land which was advertised in 1937 upon application of W. B. Phifer Company of Gainesville, Florida.

The file in the case was presented and read. Report from the Comptroller was in effect, that upon affidavit evidence from W. B. Phifer Company and from George E. Evans, Clerk Circuit Court, Alachua County, the Comptroller's office had instructed the Clerk to assign to W. B. Phifer Company certain State and County tax sale certificates which had been advertised for sale in 1937 but which were certified to the State under provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 18296, purporting to vest title to land covered thereby in the State. Evidence disclosed that W. B. Phifer Company in November 1937 filed application with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, as provided by Chapter 18296, to have all certificates covering certain lands owned by them advertised and sold to the highest bidder for cash; that the bid of said Phifer Company was the highest offered and all monies due or required were paid to the Clerk, advertisement was had and all requirements carried out except the assignment and delivery of tax certificates to purchaser, which was not effectuated owing to validity of Chapter 18296 having been attacked in court. Subsequently the validity of Chapter 18296 was determined but the Clerk failed to assign and transfer said certificates to W. B. Phifer Company. Based on the foregoing, the Comptroller authorized the Clerk to assign and deliver the certificates to W. B. Phifer Company as of the date of advertised sale in 1937.

The Attorney General was of the opinion that this was a case which should have been submitted to the Trustees, since the certificates had been certified to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, by virtue of which title vested in the State, and also since W. B. Phifer Company filed application January 9, 1942, to have the same land advertised under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, which would indicate that the Company was in doubt as to whether title had been recovered by proceedings of November 1937; that he did not believe an administrative officer could pass upon the facts and make changes which would divest the State of title—only the Court could act in such capacity.

Information was furnished that soon after Section 9 of Chapter 18296 became operative, cases similar to this came before the Trustees and a policy was adopted, based on opinion from the then Attorney General, that where it was conclusively shown that the tax payer had done everything he was required to do in order to clear title to land under the Murphy Act so that title would not come to the State under Section 9, he should not be penalized on account of an error on the part of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. In accordance with such action by the Trustees, the Comptroller was authorized to take such steps and to make such disposition of the certificates as seemed to be required. Such policy has been followed since that time.

It was suggested that the meeting adjourn till afternoon and the Comptroller was requested to ascertain from the Alachua County Clerk if the certificates had actually been assigned and transferred to W. B. Phifer Company, and also if payment had been received for taxes which would have accrued since 1937—report to be made at the afternoon meeting.

AFTERNOON SESSION—4:30 O'Clock.

The Trustees reconvened with the same members present.

The Comptroller reported that pursuant to request he had taken up with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County the matter of assignment of tax certificates to W. B. Phifer Company and was informed that such certificates had been assigned and transferred to the Phifer Company and all taxes which would have been assessed since 1937 had been paid in full. The Comptroller stated that he proposed to make such further investigation as would be necessary to show the facts in the case.

Discussion was had as to what action was necessary for the Trustees to take at this time and the Governor suggested that the members acquaint themselves with a Supreme Court decision which he had mentioned at the morning session as bearing on this subject, and that some procedure be worked out for presentation at the next meeting.

At the suggestion of the Attorney General, the Board requested that he write Mr. Donahoo, sending copies of the affidavits filed, and ask that he make investigation of the records in the case and if those things represented as facts were found to be otherwise that he so advise the Trustees.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Application was presented from Hoffman & Robinson to purchase land covered by Everglades Drainage tax certificate No. 4129 of 1928—Palm Beach County, described as the W½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 43 East. Offer of $16.76 was made for the land with request that deed be made to the United

States in order to enlarge the Army Airfield in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that action on this application be deferred pending settlement with Everglades Drainage District, which is in process of completion. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Governor reported that Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, had notified him that the Federal Court had approved the proceedings in connection with refinancing of indebtedness of Everglades Drainage District; that all suits against the District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund had been dismissed and satisfied and it was now in order for the Trustees to make payment of taxes due on State lands within Everglades Drainage District for the year 1941 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by the Attoney General, seconded by the Comptroller, that Everglades Drainage District taxes for the year 1941 assessed against lands owned by the Trustees within said District be paid immediately from funds of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Also, motion was made by the Attorney General that at this time, when the first payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes by the Trustees to the Everglades Drainage District is being made, it be stated as the fixed policy of this Board that it recognizes no right on the part of the District or on the part of the bondholders of the District to demand or receive in payment of such drainage district taxes any funds from the Trustees other than funds derived from the sale of lands lying within the District, and that the Secretary be requested to put this policy into effect by making the proper records in his office. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee conditioned upon the handling of the fund being approved by the auditing department of his office. Upon vote the motion was adopted with the reservation as stated.

Further in connection with final settlement of indebtedness as between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Everglades Drainage District, Mr. Elliot was requested to make arrangements with Mr. M. Lewis Hall, Attorney for the District, for adoption of the necessary resolutions and final transfer of all evidences of indebtedness.

Offer of $1.50 an acre was presented from William E. Thompson, on behalf of J. L. Lightsey, for the purchase of the NW¼ of SW¼ and S½ of SW¼ of Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 17 East, 120 acres in Hillsborough County, which land came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. The Secretary reported that amount of Decree was $364.65 and the assessment placed on the property for the years 1941 and 1942 was $3 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County be requested to make recommendation as they have an equity in the proceeds from sale of the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service with reference to creation of a National Wildlife Refuge at Sanibel Island, Lee County, information being furnished that a present the Wildlife Service would not be able to undertake the purchase of the State property owing to financial limitation at this time due to the War, but suggested leasing the area for that purpose.

In the absence of a definite proposal for including the State land at Sanibel Island in a Wildlife Refuge, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Secretary take the matter up with the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service and ascertain if a lease was desired, the area to be included, terms on which lease would be desired and other necessary information. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, and duly adopted, that the following expense account amounting to $72.65 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrant be drawn in payment therefor:

F. E. (Elgin) Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$72.65

FOR EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1941

W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector, Broward County	$16,488.92
C. H. Collier, Tax Collector, Collier County	2.10

Hayes Wood, Tax Collector, Dade County	11,744.76
R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector, Glades County	844.98
R. N. Miller, Tax Collector, Hendry County	1,695.80
Mrs. Ruth Bass Hylton, Tax Collector, Highlands County	61.66
L.C. Kickliter, Tax Collector, Martin County	13.89
Mrs. Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County	415.88
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County	53,971.13
Orris Nobles, Tax Collector, Saint Lucie County	19.73
TOTAL	$85,258.85

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The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	2/25/42	23
Alachua	3/18/42	2
Alachua	3/25/42	23
Brevard	3/17/42	7
Broward	3/2/42	325
Broward	3/16/42	31
Calhoun	9/22/41	5
Calhoun	1/12/42	3
Charlottee	3/9/42	2
Citrus	2/17/42	18
Dade	3/11/42	63
DeSoto	3/13/42	4
Dixie	3/16/42	1
Duval	2/25/42	50
Escambia	2/28/42	12
Gadsden	3/21/42	5
Hernando	2/23/42	3
Hernando	2/16/42	4
Hernando	2/27/42	1
Hernando	3/16/42	3
Hillsborough	3/9/42	25
Hillsborough	3/23/42	28

Jackson	3/23/42	13
Lafayette	3/20/42	1
Lake	3/9/42	36
Levy	3/9/42	3
Martin	3/2/42	3
Okeechobee	3/19/42	3
Polk	2/27/42	31
Santa Rosa	12/8/41	5
Sarasota	3/9/42	16
Seminole	3/9/42	16
St. Johns	3/13/42	18
Taylor	2/23/42	4
Volusia	3/2/42	21
Wakulla	2/28/42	5
Wakulla	3/7/42	3
Walton	3/9/42	2
Walton	3/17/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pasco County, that the City of Zephyrhills, be allowed to submit a base bid of $50 for the advertisement of the following described land:

> N½ of Highland Park Subdivision, Pasco County, containing approximately 36 acres.

The Clerk reported that the town purchased the S½ of this subdivision sometime ago and the N½ is the same kind of land and is desired by the United States in connection with the airport at Zephyrhills.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Clerk be authorized to accept a base bid of $50 for advertising the N½ of Highland Park Subdivision, in all other respects the sale to be handled in the regular manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

JACKSON COUNTY CASE:

Affidavit was presented from Mrs. Mable Kirkland of Chipley, Florida, protesting the sale of her home property to W. C. McNutt of Graceville, for the sum of $417.50.

Statement was made that year after year her husband before his death and she since his death had requested from the Tax Collector amount of taxes due on the property and had paid the same thinking she was paying on her home, when in fact she was paying on six vacant lots with assessed value based on improved property and the two lots on which her home was located were assessed as unknown and valued as vacant property; that she was unable to deposit the amount necessary under the protest rule but asked that the Board not allow her home to be taken away from her.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the sale be held up pending further developments. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Clarence W. Nelson that the Trustees take action in the case of Dade County land purchased by him which was formerly owned by Albert Edwin Shaver and Bessie Mathilda Shaver and still occupied by the latter. Information was furnished that at the time of sale protest was filed by the Welfare Board on behalf of the former owners. Subsequently upon arrangement being made for transfer of the land to Mr. and Mrs. Shaver, protest was withdrawn and deed issued to applicant. Conveyance to former owners did not go through but the purchaser has been unable to get possession of the property and now requests that the Trustees refund amount of bid or require that possession of the property be given to him.

Upon discussion it was the action of the Board that the Secretary notify Mr. Nelson that the State does not guarantee possession of Murphy Act land and since the application, notice, bidding and issuance of deeds were all done in compliance with rules and regulations, there was no justification for refund.

The Secretary reported that bid had been accepted from Minnie L. Gardner for land in Escambia County and that Deed No. 141 had been prepared but not executed or delivered; that subsequent to these proceedings notice had been received from the Attorney General's office of filing of condemnation suit by the United States including the parcels purchased by Minnie L. Gardner.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr.Lee, that deed be delivered to purchaser, conditioned that the date of filing Declaration of Taking was subsequent to date of acceptance of bid by the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Earl Cuevas, Tallahassee, Florida, for oil lease on land in Wakulla County owned by the State under Chapter 18296, for which he offered 10 cents an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer be declined, the area being rather small and the parcels widely scattered. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented letters from the County Attorney and Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County, requesting that supplemental deed be issued to the County covering 7 lots which were erroneously omitted from Deed No. 625, dated December 31, 1940, the lots overlooked being:

Lot 37, Temple Terrace—Section 9-28-19—PB 25, Pg. 59
Lots 41 and 42, Block 102—Terrace Park No. 3
Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Temple Villa
Lot 10, Block 6, Temple Villa
Lot 32, Block 138—Terrace Park

The Trustees' Agent in Hillsborough County reported that the above lots were advertised and bid in by the County but were left off when the bidding report and deed were prepared.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that based on the statement from the Clerk supplemental deed be issued to Hillsborough County covering the lots listed as having been omitted from original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from Major Daniel D. Rosenfelder, representing Florida Defense Force and Civilian Defense Volunteers of Dade County, making application to use for a Rifle Range State land in Sections 19, 20 and part of 22 in Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, located about 9 miles from Homestead.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize use of the land as a rifle range by Florida Defense Force and Civilian Defense Volunteers of Dade County for the war emergency. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted that the following expense accounts amounting to $68.64 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment therefor:

Fred M. Burns, Ass't Attorney General	$39.33
Millard B. Conklin, Ass't Attorney General	29.31
TOTAL	$68.64

Mr. Elliot reported that there was available $30,000.00 for transfer to the General Revenue Fund from sales under Chapter 18296 and that Comptroller's warrant had been requested in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$30,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 7, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

A delegation composed of John W. Watson, City Attorney, O. P. Hart, Director of Research, and C. J. Senerchia, Airport Director, on behalf of the City of Miami, applied to purchase an area of sovereignty land containing approximately 484 acres, adjacent to the North and West shore of Virginia Key, and lying between Virginia Key and the area previously conveyed to the City of Miami, to be used in connection with Greater Miami Air Base Project. Request was based on the urgent need on the part of the City and Federal Government for expansion of air base facilities for both land and sea planes as well as docking space for ships; that the City is without satisfactory air terminals on account of use by the United States of the Opalocka field; that the proposal now submitted will provide terminal facilities for the Army, Navy, private airlines, City and County requirements for carrying on air and sea commerce, and will be the means of retaining for Florida air supremacy of the Nation. Request was that the price for the land be as reasonable as possible owing to the public nature of the project and its need in connection with national defense.

Discussion was had as to effect on adjoining property owned by Brown Company of Portland, Maine. Mr. W. T. Wallis, representing Brown Company, being present informed the Trustees that his company was in accord with the plans of the City and would make no protest to any arrangement entered into between the State and the City, but would work out with the City some agreeable adjustment with reference to its property.

On the question of price to be placed on the land, it was suggested that the price of the more valuable parcel be placed at $40 an acre and $10 an acre for the other; also that deed include reversion clause in case the land should ever be used for other than public purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees place a price of $40 an acre and $10 an acre on the land applied for by the City of Miami, requiring of the City payment of $10 an acre and $2.50 an acre on the respective parcels as the School Fund's equity in the proceeds of State lands, the Trustees remitting balance of $30 and $7.50 an acre owing to the public nature of the project and its importance to national defense; also that deed recite that the land be used for public purposes only. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees requested that Mr. Watson furnish the Land Office with written proposal setting forth the project submitted, the purpose for which the land will be used, and other commitments to be carried out by the City of Miami, which he agreed to do.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $250 from Dan F. Wear of Bartow, on behalf of R. S. Royster Guano Company, for release of statutory reservations in deed issued to T. T. Hatton in 1912 conveying the NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 23, Township 30 South, Range 25 East, Polk County, now owned by applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer for release of reservations, preferring to retain such equity on account of phosphate formation in that locality. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from H. P. Adair of Jacksonville, on behalf of client Richard F. Howe for the Deering Estate, offering fifty cents (50c) an acre for release of mineral reservations in deeds recently issued conveying two parcels of land, one containing 21 acres and the other 469.85 acres, said deeds being Nos. 18704 and 18703.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept fifty cents (50c) an acre for release of mineral reservations in deeds to Richard F. Howe for the Deering Estate. Upon vote the motion was adopted and quitclaim deeds authorized issued.

Request was presented from J. E. Satterfield of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of client, that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed to Lot 5, Block 33, Pasadena Gardens, Section 28, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, for the reason that on July 18, 1918, the Bur-Ne Company for no cause apparent in the records gave a quitclaim deed to the State.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land was conveyed by the Trustees to Florida Land and Improvement Company January 5, 1883, and from the records in the Land Office the State has no claim to the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Satterfield's client to Lot 5 as described, upon payment of $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the Trustees defer action, pending further investigation, on application from J. A. Campbell, Agent for Pebble Hill Plantation, Thomasville, Georgia; that the Trustees allow ten year lease on that part of Sections 11 and 14, Township 2 North, Range 3 East, lying between the Government Meander and the waters of Lake Miccosukee, containing approximately 30 acres, for which lease an offer of $10 annually was made.

Application was presented from Kent Pendleton, Fort Myers, Florida, represented by Mr. W. V. Knott, for mineral lease along the Gulf Coast in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. Lease to run for a period of five years providing for the mining of such minerals as rutile, illmenite, zircon, and accessory minerals. For such lease Mr. Pendleton agrees to pay 2% of the market value of the ore FOB mine with minimum royalty of $25 each month starting three months from date of lease; also bond to be furnished in the sum of $1000 and provision that no private or public structure or property will be damaged or interfered with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that the terms offered be declined but that counter proposal be made to grant lease upon same terms and conditions as provided in similar lease to E. E. Porter of St. Augustine, Florida. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

A second application was presented from Gordon H. Simmons for exploration contract covering the same area as applied for by Mr. Pendleton but no action taken pending outcome of counter proposal made in first request.

A. R. Richardson on behalf of Sam Fleming and Howard Hainey renewed offer of $14 an acre for Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, with request that if the price was not satisfactory that the Trustees indicate what price would be acceptable without the necessity of advertising for bids. Also a bid of $10 an acre was made for Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County.

Upon comparison of prices received for lands similarly located which had been advertised for bids, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline the offer of $14 an acre for land in Section 1, but that counter proposal be made to accept a price of $17.50 an acre for the North 320 acres and $14 an acre for the South 320 acres of Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 38 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Richardson of $10 an acre for Section 13. Township 44 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from J. T. Bridges, Jasper, Florida, offering $2 an acre for Lot 1, Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 14 East, Hamilton County, containing 14.54 acres.

Mr. Bayless reported that this Lot only recently came to the State and there was no appraisal as yet on the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Bridges, and hold the land pending examination and appraisal.

Mr. Bayless submitted proposal from J. Mark Wilcox, on behalf of E. B. Elliott, to purchase Hiatus Lots 5 and 6, Township 45 South, between Ranges 36 and 37 East. containing 60 acres. The area lies immediately West of land recently sold to Mr. Elliott for ramie planting and he desires to purchase on the same basis as former sale—$15 an acre with the privilege of price reduction to $10 an acre provided the land is planted to ramie.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the proposal of Mr. Wilcox be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Streety Durrance of Lake Placid for renewal of one year on Grazing Lease No. 80 covering 400 acres of land in Highlands County, with offer of fifteen (15) cents an acre. Present lease expires May 1, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees renew Grazing Lease in favor of Mr. Durrance for a period of one year upon payment of 15 cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the Trustees decline offer of $215.00 from W. B. Cone of Macclenny, Florida, for the purchase of Lot 9, Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East, Baker County, for the reason that the appraisal placed on the island is considerably higher than the offer of Mr. Cone. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Offer of $400 cash was presented from A. E. Coker of Zolfo Springs, Florida, for the purchase of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, Hardee County, located about ten miles from Wauchula.

The offer being in line with appraisal on the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept $400 cash for the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Application was presented from John M. Coe of Pensacola, on behalf of clients, for shell and gravel lease covering an area in the Escambia River. For such lease an offer was made of two (2) cents per yard for all sand and gravel removed, with monthly royalty payment of $25 and the depositing with Trustees of bond in the sum of $1000 guaranteeng faithful performance of the contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer of two (2) cents per yard for the material, but agree to execute lease upon payment of five (5) cents per yard for sand and gravel removed from the area, with $25 monthly royalty payment and the filing of bond in amount of $1000. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees February 24, sovereignty land in Escambia County was ordered advertised for competitive bids based on application from Mr. Crawford Rainwater of Pensacola, with a cash offer of $525.00. The following Notice was published by the Pensacola Journal in the issues of March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offers for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, April 7, 1942, for lands in ESCAMBIA County, Florida, described as follows:

> "Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and the NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 2 South, Range 32 West, contain-

ing 157.47 acres, more or less, in Escambia County, Florida."

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

The offer from Mr. Rainwater being the only bid received for the land and information having been presented that the parcel was one of a very few public fishing grounds left in that area, the Trustees were not inclined to dispose of the land and deprive the people in that localtiy of fishing privileges. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that in view of the public nature of the site the Trustees do not accept bid of $525 from Mr. Rainwater. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

On February 17, 1942, the Trustees agreed to advertise for competitive bids land in Palm Beach County, based on the following applications:

James A. Dew offered $10 an acre for land in Sections 18 and 19, Township 45 South, Range 38 East;

A. A. Poston for C. H. Buhl offered $10 and $12.50 an acre for Sections 19, 29 and 31, Township 43 South, Range 39 East.

Notice of sale was published by the Palm Beach Post in the issues of March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1942, as follows:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, February 26, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and the State Board of Education of the State of Florida offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, April 7, 1942, for lands in PALM BEACH County, Florida, described as follows:

"All of Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 18 and 19, Township 45 South, Range 38 East.

All of Sections 19, 29 and 31, Township 43 South, Range 39 East.

All in Palm Beach County, Florida.''

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees and the Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education.

Spessard L. Holland, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary, Trustees

Colin English, Secretary, State
Board of Education

Information was furnished that since application was filed by Mr. Dew he had been called into the Service of the United States and there was no bid made on the land for which he had applied.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Poston had expected to be present at the meeting but owing to cancellation of his plane reservation would not be able to attend. He requested that in case of other bids final disposition be deferred until he could be present. No other bids were received for the land, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer from Mr. Buhl of $10 an acre for Sections 19 and 29, and the offer of $12.50 an acre for Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 39 East, be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Disposition of land owned by the Trustees under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates was deferred pending final settlement with Everglades Drainage District.

Mr. Elliot reported that Everglades Drainage District taxes on lands owned by the Trustees in said District had been paid for the year 1941, and pursuant to action recently taken he had sent Mr. M. Lewis Hall draft of information with reference to final settlement between the Trustees and the District.

Discussion was had as to outlook for tax reduction in the District for the year 1942 and subsequent years, and the prospect for meeting obligations of the District under the refinancing program.

The Governor reported that he had received a letter from the R. F. C. expressing appreciation of tax payments by the Trustees. He also had information from Mr. Hall that tax collections had come in suffciently to clear up all general obligations that come within the limits of the loan.

Mr. D. C. Clark and Mr. Sasser, representing W. C. Teagle, and Mr. L. R. Rainey, all of Monticello, came before the Board with requests for approval of assignment by W. Martin Burket of timber lease authorized by the Trustees February 3, 1942; such assignment to be made to W. C. Teagle.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve assignment from W. Martin Burket to W. C. Teagle of Timber lease providing for removal of timber on State land around Lake Miccosukee, such approval to be contingent upon the filing with the Trustees of bond in the sum of $1000.00, guaranteeing performance of the contract, and furnishing copy in writing of the assignment. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Larson presented letter from attorneys Hoffman and Robinson of Miami, Florida, dated April 6, 1942, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action of March 31, and convey five (5) acres of land covered by Everglades Drainage District tax sale Certificate No. 4129, sale of July 2, 1928, described as the W½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. It was represented that the parcel was required in connection with enlargement of the airfield at West Palm Beach and that acquisition of this tract was holding up the improvements.

Mr. Elliot explained that the request was presented to the Trustees at the last meeting, but action deferred pending final settlement with Everglades Drainage District.

Owing to the importance to national defense of the proposed expansion of the airfield, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed in favor of Charles D. Rowe and J. J. Woitesek, former owners, as requested by Mr. Hoffman. Payment for the area to be amount which the Trustees have in the parcel plus the 1941 taxes and plus an amount necessary to redeem from delinquent taxes of Everglades Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary was requested to take the matter up with Mr. Hoffman immediately with a view to transferring title from the Trustees to the parties indicated.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Columbia	3/25/42	3
Dixie	3/23/42	1
Holmes	2/16/42	2
Lafayette	3/27/42	1
Nassau	3/30/42	4
Palm Beach	3/13/42	10
Putnam	3/7/42	21
Wakulla	3/28/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in connection with State Road No. 265 in Santa Rosa County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department in connection with the following road:

Santa Rosa County Road No. 265—Project 5297—
SRD No. 102

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed and delivered.

The following Report was presented from the Committee appointed to investigate and dispose of special cases under the Murphy Act:

March 24, 1942

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building

Re: Murphy Sale in Special Case Held
Up Because of Insufficient Bid

Gentlemen:

Your Committee, undersigned, having examined the list of property submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sale for price considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid of $35.00 shown upon Sheet No. 69 herewith enclosed.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the land involved for the minimum base bid shown on the enclosed sheet under the line of ''Committee Recommends.''

Respectfully yours

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

GFS:hp

Enclosure

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve report as submitted and confirm action taken by the Committee. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 14, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Minutes of the Trustees dated March 11, 17, 31 and April 7, 1942, as presented by the Secretary be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Application was presented from Mr. Carl T. Hoffman of Miami (supplementing his request to the Trustees April 7) for additional five-acre tract of land which came to the State under Everglades Drainage District Tax Certificate No. 4198, Sale of 1927, joining the tract purchased last week and desired in connection with expansion of the Army Airfield in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Hoffman and convey to Charles D. Rowe and J. J. Woitesek:

> E½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing 5 acres in Palm Beach County,

upon payment of $55.39 which is equal to amount the Trustees have in the land plus 1941 Everglades taxes and plus an amount necessary for redemption from delinquent Everglades taxes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

The Attorney General requested to be excused from further attendance at the meeting, which request was granted.

Application was presented from Stafford B. Beach of West Palm Beach, requesting that the Trustees accept an amount less than the Trustees' equity in land, title to which vested in the State by virtue of Everglades Drainage taxe sale Certificates 4127 and 4128, Sale of 1927, described as follows:

	Sec.	Tp.	Rg.	Acres
W¾ of N¾ of SW¼ of NW¼.........	6	44S	43E	23
W¾ of S¼ of SW¼ of NW¼.........	6	44S	43E	8

The Secretary reported $255.19 as amount the Trustees have in the certificates, including interest and taxes through the year 1931. 1941 Everglades taxes and an amount sufficient to cancel delinquent taxes total $29.07, or a grand total of $284.26. This was the basis arrived at for sale of similarly located land applied for by Carl T. Hoffman.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees convey the land to Mr. Beach upon payment of $284.26 being the same basis as sale made to Mr. Hoffman on behalf of Charles D. Rowe and J. J. Woitesek. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from George M. Highsmith of Montbrook, Florida, offering $1.50 an acre for the following discribed land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929:

All Section 33, and the E½ of Section 28, Township 13, South, Range 18 East, Levy County.

Letter was submitted from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Levy County, stating that the Board of County Commissioners recommended sale at the price offered for the reason that the land had been cut over for timber and there were no tax levies assessed against it.

In consideration of the large area applied for and the recommendation of the County Commissioners, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the price of $1.50 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Highsmith. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $2 an acre was presented from Lester Mikell for the purchase of land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, described as:

NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 4, Township 14 South, Range 18 East—40 acres in Levy County.

The Board of County Commissioners by verbal statement from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, recommended that the offer from Mr. Mikell be accepted. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $2 an acre for the land applied for by Lester Mikell. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $2.50 an acre from R. E. Padgett of Okeechobee, Florida, for 105 acres of land described as:

Lots 7, 8 and 9, Section 1,
Lots 5 and 6, Section 12,
Township 37 South, Range 33 East,
Okeechobee County.

The offer being in line with appraisal by the Trustees' Agent, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of $2.50 an acre from Mr. Padgett be accepted for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Ben J. Drymon, Sarasota, Florida, with offer of $225 for the purchase of land described as:

Lots 2 and 3, Section 12, Township 40 South, Range 20 East—79.60 acres in Sarasota County.

Information was furnished that appraisal by the Trustees' Agent valued the land at a higher price. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of $225 be declined for the land described, but that counter proposal be made to accept $255 for the two lots. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline request presented from J. T. Barton, Lake Worth, for exchange of property owned by him in Hiatus Lot 5, between Townships 43 and 44 South, Range 39 East, for land owned by the State in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, being a part of Lake Osborne. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the request denied.

Request was submitted from Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., Chipley, Florida, by A. E. Freel, for letter of identification from the Trustees, for the reason that they have been stopped and questioned by Highway and County officials while carrying on the geophysical work provided for in Exploration Contract No. 223 dated October 4, 1941.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that letter of identification requested by Mr. Freel be written and signed by the proper officers of the Trustees and delivered to Florida Land & Exploration, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from John L. Young, Land Appraiser, War Department, Mobile, Alabama, on behalf of the United States, requesting permission to erect a Range Marker on a plot of State land fifty (50) feet square in Lot 3, Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Bay County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant request from the War Department and that the proper authority be issued for occupying the parcel of land desired in Lot 3 of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 15 West, Bay County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had letter from Mr. Crawford Rainwater of Pensacola, further with reference to parcel of land in Escambia County advertised for sale April 7 and which the Trustees declined to sell owing to the land having been used by the public for many years as fishing ground. Mr. Rainwater asked for reaction of the Board as to the possibility of the State, the County and himself having a road built on the Section line down to the fishing grounds rather than through his property.

Upon discussion of the subject it was suggested that Mr. Rainwater take up with the County Commissioners of Escambia County the matter of relocating the road; that the Trustees were thoroughly agreeable to that course but did not care to assume responsibility for any costs in connection with the project. Upon motion seconded and carried the suggestion was adopted as the action of the Trustees and Mr. Bayless was requested to inform Mr. Rainwater of the position taken.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees March 31, 1942, authorizing payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes against lands owned by the State within said District, the Comptroller was requested to issue warrant as follows:

L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector, Martin County	$14.78

Financial Statements for the month of March are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

Financial Statement for the month of March, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$13,211.80	
Reimbursement for Advertising Cost	337.40	
Quit Claim to Oil & Mineral Rights Reserved in Deeds Nos. 18047 & 18048	7.50	
Fishing Campsites	93.75	
Reimbursement, account expense S. S. Savage attending court	22.90	
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases	964.79	
Farm Lease	97.88	
Grazing Leases	17.06	
Total Receipts	$14,753.08	$ 14,753.08
Balance as of March 1, 1942		233,464.73
Grand Total		$248,217.81
Less Disbursements for month of March, 1942		87,612.25
Balance on Hand as of March 31, 1942		$160,605.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Mar. 17,	209680	E. B. Savage	$ 120.00
	209681	S. S. Savage	300.60
	209682	E. B. Savage	91.15
	209683	W. B. Granger	26.10
	209684	Miami Daily News	273.00
	209685	News Press Pub. Co.	12.00
	209686	Clearwater Publishing Co.	8.00
	209687	Security Abstract & Ins. Co.	83.00
	209688	Capital City Publishing Co.	34.05
	209689	Postmaster, Tallahassee	10.00
	209690	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
31,	218045	F. C. Elliot	400.00

218046	F. E. Bayless	275.00
218047	M. O. Barco	175.00
218048	Jentye Dedge	175.00
218049	H. L. Shearer	50.00
218050	S. S. Savage	200.00
218051	J. B. Lee	10.00
218052	E. B. Savage	105.00
224713	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	16,488.92
224714	C. H. Collier, T. C.	2.10
224715	Hayes Wood, T. C.	11,744.76
224716	R. D. Yoder, T. C.	844.98
224717	R. N. Miller, T. C.	1,695.80
224718	Mrs. Ruth Bass Hylton, T. C.	61.66
224719	L. C. Kickliter, T. C.	13.89
224720	Mrs. Bessie Alderman, T. C.	415.88
224721	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C.	53,971.13
224722	Orris Nobles, T. C.	19.73
	Total Disbursements for the Month of March, 1942	$87,612.25

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1942

Balance on hand March 1, 1942	$ 7,539.58
Receipts for the month	31,461.96
GRAND TOTAL	$39,001.54
Less Disbursements for the month	31,596.86
BALANCE ON HAND MARCH 31, 1942	$ 7,404.68

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Mar. 17,	209676	Western Union Tel. Co.	$ 6.06
	209677	Capital City Pub. Co.	151.70
	209678	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	56.10
	209679	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	212293	Geo. E. Evans	108.00
	212294	Harry Klein	157.50

	208846	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	7.50
31,	218053	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	218054	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	218055	Helen Phillips	125.00
	218056	Mary Evans Voss	100.00
	218057	John C. Moore	148.13
	218058	J. R. Roberts	144.16
	218059	M. O. Barco	25.00
	218060	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	218061	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	218062	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	7.71
	224723	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	5.00
	224724	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	30,000.00

Total Disbursements for the Month of March, 1942 .... $31,596.86

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941.

Financial Statement for the Month of March 1942

RECEIPTS

March 1, 1942—Balance	$1,507.50
March 19, 1942—Oil Lease	408.00
March 31, 1942—Grand Total	$1,915.50

DISBURSEMENTS

None

March 31, 1942—Balance $1,915.50

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. John W. Donahoo, Attorney of Jacksonville, came before the Trustees with reference to Alachua County case heretofore presented on March 31, and submitted substantially the following information: That he represented Cummer Sons Cypress Company in attending an advertised sale in Alachua County, having in excess of $25,000 with which to bid on approximately 2000 acres of timber land; that the sale was advertised for February 25 upon application of W. B. Phifer Company, which company contacted his client prior to the sale and requested that they not submit a bid; that he was present on date advertised for sale to be held and was prepared to bid up to twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars but the land was not offered for bids. Upon being questioned the Clerk informed that the land had been withdrawn from sale at the request of the applicant and new application filed by such applicant, which procedure prevented another party making application, according to the Clerk. Upon receipt of this information demand was made that sale be held, which was refused. Certificate was then secured from the Clerk to the effect that John W. Donahoo appeared at the sale February 25, 1942, but was denied opportunity of bidding.

That on March 4, 1942, W. B. Phifer Company presented petition to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as agent for the Trustees, setting forth that in November 1937 application was made for advertisement under Chapter 18296 of certain certificates covering the land in question; that the necessary amount was deposited with the Clerk and the provisions of the law complied with, except the actual holding of sale and delivery of certificates which was not done owing to instructions from the Comptroller's office to hold up delivery of certificates pending Supreme Court decision as to validity of the Murphy Act.

Mr. Donahoo stated that petitions filed by W. B. Phifer and Company and Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County were misleading in that it was made to appear that the lands were offered for sale in November 1937 and that bid of W. B. Phifer Company was the only bid received; that as a matter of fact there never was a public sale of the certificates; that subsequent to February 25, 1942, the Trustees were notified by letter and telegram from John W. Donahoo of the irregularities in the Alachua County case and request made that title to the land not be relinquished till hearing could be had; that before hearing could be held the matter was disposed of by the Comptroller and the Clerk given authority to deliver the certificates to Phifer Company, which the Clerk did; that the matter was not submitted to the Trustees till March 31, at which meeting the Trustees requested the Attorney General to write Attorney for Cummer Sons Cypress Company, advising of the petitions filed and the action taken thereon.

The Governor stated that if title to the land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296 it still belonged to the

State. The fact that certificates were assigned was not evidence of title passing; that on the face of the situation it would seem that the tax payer attempted to redeem his property in 1937 by making application to the Clerk and complying with the law as to deposit of amounts necessary, but owing to misunderstanding on the Clerk's part of instruction from the Comptroller, the letter of the law was not complied with in that the certificates were not delivered to applicant; that an investigation of the case was requested at the March 31st meeting, suggestion being made that some one from the Comptroller's office go to Gainesville and verify the statements presented, especially as to published notice of sale in 1937, whether money was actually deposited with the Clerk as bid (statement having been made that the Clerk had received deposit from applicant to purchase the certificates and such amount being in excess had drawn refund check which he never delivered). Also that Supreme Court opinion bearing on the subject be examined. Such report had not been presented.

Comptroller Lee reported that the matter came to his attention through Mr. Ray Neal in his office and his instrutions were that the matter be taken up with Mr. Elliot and whatever was proper and necessary be done; that pursuant to policy heretofore adopted the two departments made the necessary investigation, based on which the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County was authorized to assign and deliver the certificates as completing the 1937 transaction. Records show that the land was advertised in 1937 under the Murphy Act; that the necessary amounts were deposited with the Clerk; that refund check drawn by the Clerk in favor of applicant but never delivered. Sale was never finally disposed of, presumably owing to misunderstanding by the Clerk of instructions from the Comptroller; that this error was not discovered till 1942 when W. B. Phifer Company learned that they did not have title to the land and made application to purchase under Section 9 of Chapter 18296; that prior to sale attorney for the Company uncovered the facts with reference to the 1937 transaction, requested the Clerk to withdraw the land from sale and commenced proceedings to have sale of 1937 completed. That his office and Mr. Elliot acted in good fatih and only did what had been done numbers of times in similar cases.

Mr. Donahoo stated that he intended no criticism of the Comptroller's office or of any employee of that office or of the Board, but that the land appeared to belong to the State and the Clerk had no authority to withdraw an advertised sale without instructions from the Trustees; that he felt the matter should be investigated by the Attorney General and if the land belonged to the State that it be advertised for public bidding; that his clients were ready to bid up to twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars for the property and since the law contemplated that the Trustees receive the highest price possible for the land, the State should not be deprived of title to this valuable tract. Also considered action taken by the Comptroller's office was illegal in disposing of certificates since the land had been certified to the State under Chapter 18296; that there were several legal questions involved that should be cleared up.

The Attorney General stated that he was of the opinion that the case was still wide open for the State to pursue its property if investigation disclosed that title came to the State under Chapter 18296, and such fact could only be determined by suit in court; that he questioned whether the property owner could claim that he did everything in 1937 required by law; that if he had why did he make no attempt to follow up the matter rather than wait till early in 1942 to ascertain whether his tile was clear; that he was offering a motion that if Mr. Donahoo's client would file an application with the Trustees to have the land advertised for sale and the Trustees would authorize him to take the necessary steps, he felt that it could be shown that title to the land was in the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296.

Mr. Donahoo agreed that his client would make application to have the land advertised for sale with a view to bidding up to $30,000.00, but that he would want W. B. Phifer Company present at the bidding so that everything would be regular, as he would expect title to be good if they were successful bidders. Mr. Donahoo was informed that the Trustees conveyed only such title as came to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296.

No action taken on motion of the Attorney General.

The Governor asked Mr. Elliot how the case was presented to him. Mr. Elliot reported that two petitions, which were read to the Board March 31, one from W. B. Phifer Company and the other from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County together with letters from Mr. Donahoo and the Attorney General, were filed in his office several days before the meeting of March 17; that the agenda of March 17 listed the item, but before time for the meeting Mr. Adkins, attorney for W. B. Phifer Company, called at the office and requested that the case be not presented until he had opportunity to check with the Comptroller's office on certain points; that since the matter was being presented at request of Mr. Adkins it was marked off the list and not taken up. Afterwards Mr. Adkins informed that he had gone over the case with the Comptroller's office and that it was being handled there with the result that the case was disposed of as here related.

The Attorney General stated that in view of Mr. Donahoo's position and the time and money spent in trips to Gainesville and Tallahassee, he felt some action should be taken; that it was certainly shown that the property owner had not displayed good faith, having taken no interest in the land from 1937 to early 1942.

Mr. Larson stated that if the property owner thought he had cleared up the tax question in 1937 by putting up his money as a bid on the land, having the advertisement run and never receiving his money back, it would seem that he had not been negligent and would have had no reason to follow up the matter.

The case was summed up by the Governor as follows: That if the information presented shows that the tax payer made an honest effort to redeem his property under the provisions of the Murphy Act in 1937, depositing his money as bid on the land and having evidence that the advertisement was started, it would appear that he did everything required of him; that report had been requested as to verification of the statements made and when received it could be determined whether it would be necessary to have the Attorney General make an investigation. The Governor asker the Comptroller to have an exhaustive investigation made and submit a written report to the Board as soon as completed, suggesting that Mr. Neal and Mr. Donahoo make an appointment to go to Gainesville at the same time and check the records together, which would allow each the opportunity of examining the files in the presence of the other. It was agreed that such action be taken.

Murphy Act case was presented by Mr. J. Lewis Hall, Attorney for Mr. A. R. Richardson, affecting Leon County Deed No. 108 to A. R. Richardson —Consideration $375.00.

Mr. Hall submitted the case to the Trustees with information that the land was advertised for sale May 6, 1940, and deed made to A. R. Richardson but actual delivery was not made until July 29, 1941, on account of protest having been filed in the meantime by Mr. Clyde Atkinson, on behalf of Annie M. Gardner without protest amount having been deposited with the Trustees; that on July 29, 1941, the Trustees took action by accepting a bid of $375 from A. R. Richardson and delivering deed, payment being made through check from Mr. Hall; that Mr. Atkinson filed suit and the case has been in and out of court ever since, having been thrown out several times.

Mr. Hall stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. Atkinson and that Mr. Atkinson had agreed to dismiss the suit provided his client be paid $250 and that he be paid $125 as her attorney; that if the above arrangement could be effected the matter would be closed out. Mr. Hall requested that the Trustees revert to the original bid submitted by the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the amount of $100 made by Mr. Richardson, and that sale be made on that basis and refund to Mr. Hall, as attorney for Mr. Richardson, be authorized for the difference in the amount of $275.00; that he would take responsibility for payment of $100 additional necessary to close the transaction.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, disposition of the case was authorized as requested by Mr. Hall.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were now submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	4/6/42	1
Citrus	3/9/42	2
Citrus	3/17/42	3
Clay	3/26/42	8
Dade	3/25/42	57
DeSoto	4/6/42	1
Flager	4/6/42	2
Hillsborough	4/7/42	28
Jefferson	4/6/42	3
Orange	4/6/42	20

Pinellas	3/24/42	76
Putnam	4/4/42	23
St. Johns	3/19/42	1
Volusia	4/6/42	56

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the United States Forest Service, that the Clerks of several counties in which are located U. S. Parks and Forests be authorized to advertise as soon as possible certain Murphy Act lands applied for by the Service without waiting for the regular advertising date. The reason for such request is that money available for purchase of such lands will be available only till June 30 which would require advertisement prior to May 30, the period for April advertising having already passed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant request of the U. S. Forest Service and instruct the Clerks of the Counties in which the land is located to advertise the land applied for by the Forest and Park Service at the earliest date possible, disregarding the regular advertising periods in these instances. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Comptroller J. M. Lee, having reference to request from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County for authority to cancel certain tax certificates on land located at Plant City, leased since 1931 by Florida Strawberry Festival, Incorporated, and used solely for the Strawberry Festival held yearly. Title to the land leased for the Strawberry Festival came to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, and the Comptroller advises that he knows of no law authorizing cancellation of such certificates.

The Trustees having no authority to cancel the certificates, it was suggested by the Governor that the land be withdrawn from sale and that the Strawberry Festival Corporation secure an act through the next Legislature providing for disposition of the certificates. Suggestion of the Governor was agreed to and the Secretary requested to notify the Clerk to withdraw the land from sale.

The case of Willie Peoples Knight, colored, Hillsborough County, represented by Mabry, Reeves & Carlton, was presented to the Trustees requesting cancellation of tax certificates by which the land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action be deferred pending further information with reference to cancellation of certificates issued against land, title to which reverted to the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented letter from Mr. Jack Campbell, Tampa, Florida, addressed to the Comptroller, requesting information as to title conveyed by the Trustees in the sale of land under Chapter 18296. Mr. Campbell submits that abstracts by Title and Abstract Companies of Tampa are not considered as conclusive and legal evidence of clear title.

Mr. Elliot reported that he had furnished the Governor with memorandum on the same subject, which in substance set forth how title came to the State; the Supreme Court's action holding Chapter 18296 valid; how sales were held and the title conveyed by deeds issued under the Act; that deeds had been accepted by the United States, counties, municipalities, public agencies and private persons, and the fact that title insurance companies have not started insuring Murphy Act title would not be evidence of defective title.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be requested to advise Mr. Campbell that the Trustees convey only the title which came to the State under Chapter 18296 and cannot guarantee possession of the property, and furnish him with information as to the companies in the State that are preparing to issue title insurance. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Suwannee County Case—Deed No. 122 to G. B. Dees, was presented to the Trustees with request, supported by recommendation of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, that the Trustees refund either the whole bid of Mr. Dees and cancel the deed, or allow him to retain deed and take a refund of $40.00, the reason for such request being that right of way in favor of the State Road Department will leave only a small lot and the Road Department declines to relinquish any part of the right of way. Information was furnished that the land was properly advertised with notice that road right of way would be reserved and the deed was accepted with reservation contained therein.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to make refund on Deed No. 122 in favor of G. B. Dees on the ground that he had due notice that such reservation would be made and accepted the deed with the provision for right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Daniel F. Gibbons of Punta Gorda, Florida, requesting permission for his sign board to remain on a portion of Lot 10, Pineapple Center —S/D of Section 5, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, title to which vested in the State by virtue of Certificate No. 2697 of July 1933. Mr. Gibbons explained that in order to obtain permit from the Division of Outdoor Advertising, State Road Department, it would be necessary for the sign to remain on the lot.

Suggestion was made that permission be given Mr. Gibbons for the sign to remain on the lot upon payment of an amount not less than heretofore paid to former owner, but not less than $4 annually in advance.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that permission be given Mr. Gibbons for his sign to remain on State land as described upon payment of $4 per year in advance and conditioned that the law governing outdoor signs be complied with. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot recommended the following increase in salary of two employees in his office doing work in connection with the Murphy Act:

Mary Evans Voss	be raised from $100 to $125 per month.
Helen Phillips	be raised from $125 to $150 per month.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the increases in salary of Miss Voss and Miss Phillips as recommended by Mr. Elliot be authorized. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The following refund was authorized pursuant to action taken in the matter submitted by Mr. J. Lewis Hall in connection with Leon County Deed No. 108 issued to A. R. Richardson:

J. Lewis Hall Leon County Tallahassee, Florida	$275.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 21, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,916.94 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

F. E. (Elgin) Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$ 69.90
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala	141.98
E. B. Savage, Compass Man, Ocala	42.53
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.	18.60
Millard B. Conklin, Assistant Attorney General	13.90
J. R. Bullock, Assistant Attorney General	18.55
Roy R. Raulerson, Clerk Circuit Court, Okeechobee County	30.00
D. S. Weeks, Clerk Circuit Court Glades County	2.75
Okeechobee Abstract Company, Fort Pierce, Fla.	105.00
Fort Lauderdale Publishing Co., Fort Lauderdale	6.75
Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach	9.00
The News-Journal Company, Pensacola, Fla.	7.13

Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	32.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	13.85
F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer	400.00
F. E. Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	275.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer	175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time	50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent	200.00
J. B. Lee, Assisting Field Agent	10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man	120.00
TOTAL	$1,916.94

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following salaries and miscellaneous expenses amounting to $1,119.84 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee		$ 1.45
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee		3.49
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee		4.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville		1.70
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee		30.00
Hugh B. Summers, C. C. C., Columbia County, Lake City, Fla.		4.20
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer		125.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer		100.00
John C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer—part time		25.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer—part time		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary—part time		50.00
Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee		4.79
TOTAL		$1,119.84

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
April 28, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Minutes of the Trustees dated April 14 and 21, 1942, be approved as presented by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Bayless presented request from H. B. and Katie E. Perry, holders of Purchase Contract No. 18362, for deed to 120 acres of land embraced in said contract. Report was made that the contract called for 840 acres in Broward County with a total purchase price of $8,843.00; that twelve payments had been made on the property amounting to $5,305.80 and deed to 120 acres was requested in order to make conveyance to the United States for airport purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute deed in favor of H. B. and Katie E. Perry, conveying 120 acres of land embraced in Contract No. 18362. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from S. M. Keen, Lake Wales, to purchase Polk County land owned by the State and the following offers were submitted:

$656 for the N½ of NW¼ and N½ of SE¼ of Section 22,

$296 for the N½ of NE¼ of Section 28, all in Township 31 South, Range 30 East, Polk County, containing 480 acres.

The Land Clerk reported that the offers were in line with appraised value, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offers from S. M. Keen be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Mr. Bayless reported that protest had been filed by the Trustees to application from Panama City Shipbuilding Company, Panama City, Florida, to the War Department for permit to dredge in front of adjacent upland property of applicant, the dredged material to be placed ashore. Information was that protest was made on the ground that applicant had not made necessary arrangements with the Trustees for purchase of the fill material or of any sovereignty land that might be reclaimed; that subsequent to protest letter was received from the District Engineer, Mobile, Alabama, followed by telephone call, to the effect that work contemplated was on behalf of the United States Maritime Commission and requesting that objections to permit be withdrawn at an early date.

In view of request from the War Department, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that protest filed by the Trustees to permit applied for by Panama City Shipbuilding Company be withdrawn conditioned that adjacent owner agrees to purchase any areas reclaimed or filled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so orderd.

Application was presented from Miss Pearl Pearce, Fort Bassinger, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on State lands in Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County, payment to be at the rate of 12½ cents an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request of Miss Pearce be granted and five-year grazing lease embracing the lands described be issued to her, based on lease price of 12½ cents an acre annually in advance. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Miss Pearl Pearce that she be given credit of $682.14, representing expenses incurred by Pearce Sisters in connection with securing possession of land leased from the Trustees approximately five years ago.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request of Miss Pearce be denied. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered. Suggestion was offered that should Miss Pearce desire to file formal claim and appear before the Board, the matter would be given further consideration.

Application was presented from Cracker Oil Company, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for extension of time within which to start drilling operations under Lease No. 168.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees allow extension of one year from April 1, 1942, within which drilling operations shall start under Oil Lease No. 168 in favor of Cracker Oil Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the extension granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer from Newman T. Miller, West Palm Beach, Florida, of twenty (20) cents an acre annually for three year grazing lease on lake bottom land adjacent to Government Lot 5, Sections 7 and 8, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, formerly covered by the waters of Lake Webster. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

The Trustees on February 24, 1942, agreed to advertise for competitive bids land in Broward County applied for by Paul W. Rode based on offer of not less than $3,559.50. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, March 13, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offers for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, April 21, 1942, for the following described land in BROWARD County, Florida:

Tracts 2 to 7, Inclusive—Tier 20
Tracts 1 to 7, Inclusive—Tier 18

> Tracts 1 to 7, Inclusive—Tier 22
>
> All in Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No bids were received on date advertised for sale except from Mr. Rode. The Trustees postponed meeting of April 21 to this date and upon consideration of bid from Mr. Rode in amount of $3,559.50, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that offer from Mr. Rode be accepted for the land described in foregoing notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized upon payment of $3,559.50.

In accordance with action of the Trustees March 17, accepting offer of $550 from Port St. Joe Dock & Terminal Company for certain land in Gulf County, Florida, subject to advertisement for objections, the following Notice was published in Gulf County Breeze, Wewahitchka, Florida, March 27, April 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, March 19, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, April 28, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged and partially submerged land in GULF County, Florida, described as follows:

> "Begin at a point on the Original Government Meander Line of St. Josephs Bay bounding Fractional Section 2, Township 8 South, Range 11 West, said point being two thousand four hundred and nine (2409) feet South and one thousand four hundred and four and five tenths (1404.5) feet West of the Northeast (N. E.) corner of said Fractional Section 2;

> From said point of beginning run thence South 40 degrees 00 minutes East four hundred and seventy two and five tenths (472.5) feet along said Original Government Meander Line to a point, thence South 58 degrees 00 minutes East one hundred and thirty-six and forty five one-hundredths (136.45) feet along said Original Government Meander Line to its point of intersection with the South boundary line of water front Block or Lot "B" in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, thence South 70 degrees 46 minutes West five hundred and forty nine and four tenths (549.4) feet along the South boundary line of said water front Block or Lot "B" in the City of Port St. Joe, Florida, or an extension thereof to a point in St. Josephs Bay which is three (3) feet below average high water, thence North 23 degrees 34 minutes West three hundred and ninety and seven tenths (390.7) feet along a line commonly known as the minus three (3) foot contour line to a point in St. Josephs Bay, thence North 2 degrees 44 minutes West two hundred and twenty-one (221) feet along said minus three (3) foot contour line to a point, thence North 82 degrees 13 mintues East two hundred and sixty eight and five tenths (268.5) feet to the point of beginning containing five and four hundred and eighteen one-thousandths (5.418) acres more or less."

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections being presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees consummate sale of land described in the foregoing notice, located in Gulf County, to Port St. Joe Dock and Terminal Company upon payment of $550 plus advertising costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized.

Attorney General Watson stated that he would make report to the Board at the next meeting on the status of

Oil lease issued in favor of Wm. G. Blanchard and Associates.

Attention of the Trustees having been called to several matters with references to Everglades Drainage District, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Governor call a special meeting to consider matters dealing with Everglades Drainage District and that the Secretary prepare an agenda of the several subjects to be discussed and furnish each member with a copy. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Report was presented in the Alachua County case considered by the Trustees April 14. Letters dated April 23 and 27, were read from Mr. John W. Donahoo, who had protested action taken by the Clerk in the handling of sale of the lands in question. Also letters from Mr. George E. Evans, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, and J. C. Adkins, Attorney for W. B. Phifer Company, dated April 25.

Information submitted was that Mr. Neal of the Comptroller's office and Mr. Donahoo had checked the Alachua County records and found them substantially as set forth in petitions filed with the Trustees by the Clerk and Mr. Adkins; that the Clerk had made all records available for inspection and furnished all information desired. Letter from Mr. Donahoo informed the Trustees that his client would not bring proceedings to have the case re-opened as such proceedings would be based on a technicality, such as failure to have sale as required by law, and they would not make application to purchase the land and bring mandamus proceedings against the Clerk to require said lands to be sold, and that it would be satisfactory with his client for the Trustees to reach its conclusions without further consideration of their claim. Whereupon the letters were ordered filed and the case declared closed.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296 in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked, and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	4/6/42	1
Bay	4/6/42	16
Bradford	4/6/42	6
Brevard	4/7/42	9
Calhoun	3/2/42	4
Charlotte	4/6/42	3
Columbia	4/22/42	5
Dade	4/8/42	53
DeSoto	4/13/42	4
DeSoto	4/20/42	2
Dixie	4/13/42	1
Escambia	4/7/42	6
Hamilton	3/23/42	4
Hardee	4/6/42	11
Highlands	4/6/42	1
Hillsborough	4/20/42	34
Holmes	3/9/42	3
Indian River	4/6/42	7
Leon	4/6/42	10
Levy	4/6/42	2
Manatee	4/6/42	21
Marion	4/6/42	35
Martin	3/9/42	1
Martin	3/12/42	2
Martin	4/6/42	3
Okaloosa	12/22/41	1
Okaloosa	11/23/41	2
Okeechobee	4/9/42	2
Osceola	4/6/42	11
Pasco	4/7/42	15
Polk	3/31/42	34
Sarasota	4/13/42	15
Sarasota	4/20/42	14
Seminole	4/13/42	7
Sumter	4/13/42	21
Suwannee	3/9/42	13
Union	3/16/42	1
Walton	4/7/42	3
Walton	4/13/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids above listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the protest rule. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented supplemental deed issued to Hillsborough County for conveying certain lots heretofore advertised but inadvertently omitted from Deed No. 625.

The Trustees having authorized the issuance of the deed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Hillsborough County Deed No. 625—Supplemental No. 2 be executed and delivered to the County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Palm Beach County Deed No. 1197—Supplemental A—be approved and executed in favor of Lake Worth Drainage District, statement having been made that erroneous certificate was listed in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement through Murphy Act land in Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees issue easement in favor of the State Road Department for use of Murphy Act land in Pinellas County in connection with

State Road No. 17—Project 731 (5549)—SRD No. 35

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized issued.

Request was presented from the United States for use of Murphy Act land in Martin County located in Ballantine and Moore S/D in Sections 15 and 22 of Township 37 South, Range 41 East, desired in connection with requirements of the War Department. Proposed lease was submitted for consideration of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that the lease was on regular form used by the United States covering the period from April 20, 1942, to June 30, 1942, with option for renewal from year to year extending through June 30, 1967, at a rental of $1 per annum, but that description included a right of way which the Trustees could not lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease requested by Lieutenant T. J. Wesley, Jr., on behalf of the United States, be authorized covering land described, except for the right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized with corrected description.

Application was presented from County Engineer J. K. Merrin of Hillsborough County for permission to remove trees from

Blocks 10, 11, 14 and 15, Laurel Terrace S/D

owned by the Trustees under Chapter 18296, for the reason that the trees are a hazard to planes landing and taking off from Henderson Airport, Hillsborough County, recently taken over by the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that permission be granted to Hillsborough County for removal of trees located on the Blocks described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from W. P. Dodd, Clerk Circuit Court of Franklin County, requesting permission to use certain Murphy Act land necessary in the construction by the United States of Apalachicola Flexible Gunnery School.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that upon application from the United States the Trustees authorize lease covering Murphy Act land in Franklin County necessary in the construction of Apalachicola Flexible Gunnery School. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Action was deferred on three special cases from Manatee County presented for consideration—held for next meeting.

Application was submitted from Ray H. Jordan for refund of $88, amount paid for land conveyed by Volusia County Deed No. 345 dated October 29, 1940. Request was based on the ground that the deed was issued without proper notice to former owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees not make refund as requested by Mr. Jordan as there was no evidence submitted that would justify such action. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that request for cancellation of tax certificates from various counties had been submitted from the Comptroller's office for action by the Trustees.

Upon motion seconded and adopted, action on the requests was deferred till the next meeting.

Mr. Elliot reported that there was available $15,000 for transfer to General Revenue Fund from sales under Chapter 18296 and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368, 1941

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$15,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 4, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:
Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Request was presented from Mr. James R. Stockton of Jacksonville, representing Telco Holding Company, that the Trustees allow shorter advertising period for sale of the

N½ of Lot 26, Panama Park, Except R/W Duval County

and waive the rule requiring notice to former owner, for the reason that the parcel is needed from which to obtain fill in connection with enlargement of Merrill Stevens Shipbuilding Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Duval County be directed to advertise the land above described for a period of 5 days in lieu of the thirty days required under the rules and that notice to former owner be waived, in order that the parcel be made available as soon as possible in connection with enlargement of the shipbuilding plant. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 12, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

A delegation composed of Clyde Pierce of Jacksonville, Ray E. Green, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pinellas County, B. D. Fincannon and B. E. Moses, of Palmetex Corporation, came before the Trustees in connection with a proposal to take palmetto roots from State owned land to be used in the manufacutre of a substitute for cork for the use of the United States in defense equipment.

Mr. Moses as spokesman for the delegation stated that they would have to be sure of obtaining a sufficient amount of palmetto roots to justify the expenditure of approximately a million dollars in plant construction and equipment; that his company was already operating in Pinellas and Manatee Counties; that for the duration of the war all material manufactured would be for the Maritime Commission, and permit would be desired over a large acreage for the duration of the war with an additional five-year supply assured after the war.

information was furnished as to the backers of the applicants and the amount of raw material required to justify investment necessary to construct the plants. Samples of the material made from the palmetto roots were displayed.

Motion was made by Comptroller Lee that the matter be referred to a committee for investigation of the subject and report of recommendations at an early date for final consideration of the Trustees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted. Whereupon, the Governor appointed Mr. Larson, Mr. Mayo and Mr. Elliot to study the proposal and submit recommendations to the Board, with the added suggestion that someone from the Forestry Department be called in on the discussions.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin of Coral Gables was present and requested that the Trustees consummate action taken January 17 and 19, 1939, on matters presented by him, having reference to certain adjustments in agreements between him and the Trustees as to reduction in area of land and increase in amount of material for fill purposes.

At the suggestion of the Governor, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless make an examination of the records and report to the Trustees at the next meeting for action. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees on March 31, 1942, having authorized payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes on State land within said District, the following statement was transmitted to the Comptroller and warrant issued in payment therefor:

Ruth Bass Hylton, Tax Collector
Highlands County
Sebring, Fla.

Payment of Everglades Drainage District taxes on land of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Highlands County, for the year 1941	$1.23

Financial Statements for the month of April are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

Financial Statement for the Month of April, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$3,637.36	
Land Sales under Chapter 14572	176.99	
Quit Claim to Oil & Mineral Rights Reserved in Deeds Nos. 18703 and 18704	184.13	
Land Lease—Lake Bottom	37.50	
Farm Lease	27.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	1,124.38	
Sand Permit	300.00	
Grazing Lease	166.28	
Lease for General Purposes	120.00	
Dock Site	37.50	
Total Receipts for April	$5,811.14	$ 5,811.14
Balance as of April 1, 1942		160,605.56
Grand Total		$166,416.70
Less Disbursements for the month of April, 1942		3,155.70
Balance on Hand as of April 30, 1942		$163,261.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Apr. 1,	224891	F. E. Bayless	$ 72.65
8,	227018	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	1,151.33
21,	239431	F. E. Bayless	69.90
	239432	S. S. Savage	141.98
	239433	E. B. Savage	42.53
	239434	W. B. Granger	18.60
	239435	Millard B. Conklin, A. A. G.	13.90
	239436	J. R. Bullock, A. A. G.	18.55
	239437	Roy R. Raulerson	30.00
	239438	D. S. Weeks, C. C. C.	2.75
	239439	Okeechobee Abstract Co.	105.00
	239440	Ft. Lauderdale Publishing Co.	6.75
	239441	Palm Beach Post	9.00
	239442	The News-Journal Co.	7.13
	239443	Capital Office Equipment Co.	32.00
	239444	Southeastern Telephone Co.	13.85

24,	239500	L. C. Kickliter, T. C.	14.78
30,	242603	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	242604	F. E. Bayless	275.00
	242605	M. O. Barco	175.00
	242606	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	242607	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	242608	S. S. Savage	200.00
	242609	J. B. Lee	10.00
	242610	E. B. Savage	120.00
		Total Disbursements for the Month of April, 1942	$3,155.70

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1942

Balance on hand as of April 1, 1942	$ 7,404.68
Receipts for the month	12,360.13
GRAND TOTAL	$19,764.81
Less Disbursements for the month	16,463.48
BALANCE ON HAND APRIL 30, 1942	$ 3,301.33

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Apr. 1,	224892	Fred M. Burns	$ 39.33
	224893	Millard B. Conklin	29.31
16,	236721	J. Lewis Hall	275.00
21,	239445	Western Union Tel. Co.	1.45
	239446	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	3.49
	239447	Capital Office Equipment Co.	4.00
	239448	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.70
	239449	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	239450	Hugh B. Summers	4.20
30,	242611	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	242612	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	242613	Helen Phillips	125.00
	242614	Mary Evans Voss	100.00

242615	John C. Moore	148.13
242616	J. R. Roberts	147.08
242617	Jentye Dedge	25.00
242618	M. O. Barco	25.00
242619	F. C. Elliot	50.00
242620	Ralph D. Newman Agency	4.79
250779	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	15,000.00
	Total Disbursements for the Month of April, 1942	$16,463.48

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1942

April 1.	Balance	$1,915.50
April 4.	Oil Lease	75.00
April 30.	GRAND TOTAL	$1,990.50
	Disbursements	None
April 30.	Balance	$1,990.50

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Appointment having been made for a Committee from the Clerks' Association to meet with the Trustees, the following were present:

J. L. McMullen, Clerk, Suwannee County and President Clerks' Association.
Ray E. Green, Clerk Pinnellas County.
D. H. Sloan, Clerk Polk County.
Mrs. Olive Armstrong, Deputy Clerk Duval County.

Mr. McMullen informed the Trustees that a resolution had been adopted by the State Association of County Clerks requesting that the Trustees change the rules applicable to base bids on Murphy Act lands from 25% to 10% but after conferring with the Secretary it was suggested that the 10% base bid apply only to land within a municipality, a drainage district, boom-time subdivisions and other land on which delinquent liens exist; that sales were slacking now and lands of the above classification would stay off the tax rolls unless there was some reduction to off-set the liens against them. Also to advertise boom-time subdivisions by description given would make cost of publication more than the land would ever be worth, and in such cases it was suggested that the land be advertised according to acreage description rather than by individual tracts.

Discussion was had as to whether the lowering of the base bid in certain cases would mean a lowering of Clerks' charges in connection with the sales. The answer was that this question had not been considered as the various Clerks could change costs in their office without action of the Trustees, but base bids were subject to action by the Trustees only.

The Governor advised the Clerks' Committee that the matter would be given careful consideration at an early date and notice of such action would be furnished all Clerks.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	4/22/42	20
Clay	4/19/42	1
Dixie	4/27/42	5
Gadsden	4/22/42	6
Holmes	9/29/41	24
Manatee	5/4/42	28
Marion	4/6/42	80
Martin	4/20/42	4
Martin	5/4/42	5
Nassau	4/27/42	6
Nassau	5/4/42	1
Okaloosa	3/29/41	2
Okaloosa	4/26/41	3
Okaloosa	5/31/41	6
Okaloosa	6/28/41	4
Okaloosa	7/26/41	5
Okaloosa	8/11/41	1

Okaloosa	8/25/41	6
Okaloosa	9/1/41	4
Okaloosa	9/29/41	4
Okaloosa	11/3/41	4
Okaloosa	12/22/41	5
Okeechobee	4/30/42	4
Pasco	5/5/42	11
St. Johns	4/10/42	20
Wakulla	12/7/40	1
Wakulla	4/11/42	1
Walton	4/28/42	2
Washington	2/26/42	7

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve for execution and delivery Sarasota Municipal Deed No. 9 in favor of the City of Sarasota as authorized by Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented application from the United States for use of Murphy Act land in Leon County desired in connection with Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida, with request that the consideration be National Defense—lease to be renewable from year to year at the option of the United States and not to extend beyond June 30, 1962. Land desired described as follows:

> 3 acres in the E½ of SE¼ of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Leon County—Deed Book M. M., Page 32, Covered by Certificate No. 1306 of 1933.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that lease be authorized in favor of the United States covering the land described upon terms and conditions as set forth above. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 19, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Minutes of the Trustees dated April 28, and May 4, 1942, were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to approve minutes of the Trustees for April 28, and May 4, 1942. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

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Mr. T. G. Futch came before the Board with reference to taking sawgrass from State land. Information was that he and associates were working on experiments to utilize this product and that it would probably take a year to determine whether or not it would be successful; that the process was not subject to patent, and if successful in the experiment they would want assurance of obtaining sufficient sawgrass to meet production requirements. Request was that the Trustees not make contract with other parties for disposition of sawgrass on State lands for a period of one year, and that Mr. Futch and associates be given the exclusive option for one year within which to enter into an agreement for harvesting such material upon terms and conditions to be agreed upon, such agreement however, not to prohibit the State from selling the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Mr. Futch and associates be given exclusive option for a period of one year from this date within which to enter into lease with the Trustees for taking saw grass from State land, upon terms and conditions to be decided upon, conditioned that such agreement shall not prohibit sale by the Trustees of any State land; also that in the event Mr. Futch was unable to obtain sufficient sawgrass from other sources for experimental purposes, he be permitted to take such as might be necessary from State land pending effectuation of agreement with the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Mayo presented letter from Senator Pepper dated May 13, with reference to cooperative sugar growing in Florida and the advisability of securing the services of a competent Consulting Engineer for locating second hand equipment and designing suitable sugar mills to be established in Florida—the question before the Trustees being the making available of $1000 for expense and services of a consulting engineer.

Motion was made by the Commissioner of Agriculture that the Internal Improvement Fund make available not exceeding $1000 for the purpose of an engineer's survey for cooperatives with respect to sugar growing in Florida in the general Lake area. This motion was seconded by the Attorney General and unanimously adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $114.25 from Lutro J. Wilson for:

> Lots 31 to 40 inclusive, Block 12, Monroe Heights Addition to Town of Riviera, Palm Beach County.

Information was that title to these lots vested in the Trustees under tax foreclosures by the County authorized by Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that taxes, fees and costs amounted to $330.58 but in order to sell the lots and get them back on the tax rolls, the County Commissioners had agreed to accept 25 per cent of the County's pro rata share, allowing full payment of the State's pro rata share, and recommended that the offer be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of $114.25 made by Mr. Wilson be accepted for the lots described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Offer of $165 was submitted from E. S. Boyd for:

> Lots 26 and 27, Block 51, Revised Siesta—Town of Sarasota.

Mr. Elliot reported that title to this land came to the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and amount of Decree was $140.70.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer of $165 from E. S. Boyd for Lots 26 and 27, Block 51, Revised Siesta, Sarasota County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered issued.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees January 6, 1942, with reference to request from Game and Fresh Water Fish Department for use of Levy County land which came to the State under Chapter 14572, he had written the County Commissioners of Levy County for an expression as to whether or not they would concur in allowing such request and had letter from the Clerk of the Circuit Court stating that the Commissioners took no action on the subject.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board affirm action taken February 17, authorizing use of the land by the Department of Game and Fresh Water Fish, and that the Attorney General be requested to prepare the proper permit or instrument applicable in the premises. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees defer action on request from Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, for list of lands which the Trustees are authorized to convey to the United States for wildlife conservation purposes pending establishment of Everglades National Park. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following report was submitted by F. C. Elliot and F. E. Bayless on application of Thomas H. Horobin for fill material in Biscayne Bay, which application was presented to the Trustees May 12, 1942:

May 19, 1942

Trustees of the Internal
Improvement Fund
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Report to Trustees
Re: Application of Thomas H. Horobin
for fill material in Biscayne Bay

Gentlemen:

On January 17 and 19, 1939, Mr. Thomas H. Horobin made application to the Trustees for certain fill material from the bottoms of Biscayne Bay adjacent to property owned by him to be used in filling property acquired by him from the Trustees. The Trustees agreed to permit Mr. Horobin to take fill material for such purpose but the location and quantity of said material was never described and little if any material has been removed since the above date. The Trustees directed that Mr. Bayless and Mr. Elliot report on the subject.

The foregoing report and recommend as follows:

That submerged area in the North 3111 feet of Fractional Section 3 and submerged area in the NW¼ of Fractional Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, be set aside exclusively for providing fill material to fill areas "A," "C" and that part of Area "B" shown on plat hereto attached, said material to be available to the owner or owners of said areas, or any of them, provided however, that only such material shall be available as required to fill property to elevation plus 6 feet, except however, in the event fill above elevation 6 feet shall be made, all such excess material shall be paid for to the Trustees at the rate of 25 cents per cubic yard of excess.

Very truly yours

ELGIN BAYLESS
F. C. ELLIOT

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the report of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless and adopt the recommendations as action of this Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease or permit was authorized issued upon terms and conditions set forth in report.

Application was presented from United States Engineer Office, War Department, Jacksonville, for easement through State land and for spoil areas, all in connection with deepening and relocation of a portion of the channel of Intracoastal Waterway from near Stuart to Fort Myers, Florida, via St. Lucie Canal, Lake Okeechobee and Caloosahatchee River.

The Secretary recommended that the request be granted by execution of easement deed for relocation and deepening of the waterway and a separate Permit issued for deposit of spoil material. Both locations are in Lake Okeechobee.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of easement deed and permit as recommend by the Secretary for use by the United States in the deepening and relocation of the channel of Intracostal Waterway from a point near Stuart to Fort Myers, Florida. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from East Shore Drainage District, submitted to him by H. A. Bestor as engineer for the District, making application for right of way through lands owned by the State in Sections 7 and 12, Township 43 South, Ranges 37 and 36 East, respectively. Right of way desired is indicated as 200 feet wide, 3200 feet long approximately, extending from old drainage district levee canal to Okeechobee Levee Culvert No. 12. The Secretary recommended that since land through which right of way is requested is leased to Richlands, Incorporated, such company be asked for their views on the subject before action is taken on application.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to defer action on application from East Shore Drainage District, pending information from Richlands, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary directed to take the matter up with Richlands, Inc.

Mr. Joe L. White, Attorney of Pahokee, having requested appointment with the Trustees, at a meetng when all members could be present, the Secretary was directed to ascertain a date when all members could be present and notify Mr. White a few days in advance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to decline offer of $6,000 from D. V. Palmer of Sebring, Florida, for 819.29 acres of State land in Sections 13, 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County, on which land the appraisal had been placed at $16;445.10. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of $297 from H. L. Haddock of Hilliard, Florida, to purchase Lot 1, Section 7, Township 4 North, Range 24 East, containing 80 acres in Nassau County, such offer being equal to appraisal placed on the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to accept offer of $297 from Mr. Haddock for the Lot described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from A. E. Coker, Zolfo Springs, Florida, for the purchase of:

> SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 26 East, containing 40 acres in Hardee County,

for which he made an offer of $450.00.

The offer being in line with appraisal placed on the land, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer of $450 be accepted for the land applied for by Mr. Coker. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that following action taken by the Trustees April 28, 1942, agreeing to withdraw protest to War Department permit, in favor of Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation, request was now made by H. V. Appen, General Manager, Panama City Shipbuilding Corp., representing U. S. Maritime Commission, for permission to reclaim by pumping and dredging an area known as Dyers Point in St. Andrews Bay, Panama City, containing approximately 40 acres, title to such reclaimed land to revert to the United States. Information was that the reason for acquiring the land was to construct thereon shipyards and build ships for the war emergency.

Upon discussion, the Board was not disposed to grant request as made by Mr. Appen but was agreeable to leasing the land for such period as ships might be built for the United States.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute lease to the United States, or its agency, the U. S. Maritime Commission, covering the area reclaimed by dredging operations, at a rental of $1 annually —lease to be renewable from year to year for such period of time as used by the United States in the construction of Liberty Ships. At expiration of lease period the Trustees will consider sale of reclaimed area to adjacent property owner on such terms and conditions as might be arranged at that time. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mr. Bayless directed to so advise Mr. Appen.

Request was presented from Joe Hilliard of LaBelle, offering twelve (12) cents an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on State land described as:

> Sections 1, 3, 11, 13 and 15, Township 46 South,
> Range 31 East, Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Hilliard, covering the lands described—payment to be at the rate of twelve cents an acre annually in advance. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Application was presented from Carl A. Mead of Miami, Florida, offering $5 for release of canal reservations in deed conveying Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees release canal reservations as requested by Mr. Mead on the land described upon payment of $5. Upon vote the motion was adopted and release authorized.

Offer of $100 an acre was presented from Fritz Stein of Belle Glade for the purchase of approxmiately five (5) acres of reclaimed land in Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, the parcel being located immediately south of Torry Island road, West of Levee Canal, North of Hillsborough Canal and adjacent to property of Mr. Stein.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of $100 an acre for the parcel applied for by Mr. Stein, plus advertising costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

Resolution was presented from County Commissioners of Palm Beach County relative to their acceptance of deed to strip of State land in Section 27, Township 41 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, for park purposes, the area being bounded on the West by East right of way line of Florida East Coast Railroad and on the East by West line of Conner's Highway. No offer was made for the strip of land.

The Trustees being without authority to donate land as requested, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute easement in favor of the State Road Department to the strip described to be maintained by such Department as a part of its right of way. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from J. E. Beardsley, Clewiston, Florida, that the Trustee advertise for competitive bids approximately 1620 acres of State land in Sections 15, 23 and 27, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, it being understood that he will assume cost of advertising in the event a satisfactory bid is not received for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids land applied for by Mr. Beardsley, conditioned that the right to reject any or all bids is reserved and that cost of advertising will be paid by Mr. Beardsley in the event no sale is made. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Application was submitted from J. T. Barton of Lake Worth, with offer of $25 an acre for approximately 40 acres of reclaimed land owned by the State in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, formerly the bottom of Lake Osborne.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that action be deferred on this application pending investigation and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented proposal from J. Louie Carter of West Palm Beach, on behalf of his father-in-law, W. B. Jennings, offering $200 in cash for satisfaction of purchase money mortgage on land purchased by Mr. Jennings in 1926.

Information was furnished that by Entry No. 17756, dated October 12, 1926, 20.18 acres of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, were sold to Mr. Jennings at a price of $30 an acre or a total purchase price of $600.54; $150 was paid in cash and three notes aggregating $450.54 were given for the balance; that foreclosure proceedings have been started in connection with Entry 17756 and it is suggested that if offer from Mr. Carter is accepted that he be required to reimburse the Trustees for all expenses incurred in the suit to date.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize satisfaction of mortgage as requested by Mr. Carter, upon payment of $200 in settlement of Entry No. 17756 plus reimbursement for any and all expenses incurred by the Trustees in the foreclosure proceedings in the case. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was received from J. E. Graves, Gainesville, Florida, offering $275 for timber on

> N½ of Lot 11, Section 30, Township 6 South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres in Bradford County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Graves on the ground that the appraised value of the timber is considerably higher than bid submitted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Offer of $3 an acre was presented from Joe A. Hilliard, LaBelle, Florida, for

> S½ of Section 9, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land is under lease to Mr. Vose Babcock for two years from December 16, 1941, at an annual rental of ten cents (10c) an acre.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo that action be deferred on application from Mr. Hilliard and that Mr. Babcock be informed that offer has been made for the land and ascertain whether or not he would be interested in buying the half section. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $5 an acre was submitted from T. W. Conely, Jr., Okeechobee, Florida, on behalf of Jesse Hunter, for

> Lots 5, 7, 8, 9 and 16, Section 13, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County, containing 130.23 acres.

Mr. Bayless reported that the lots are located East of Kissimmee River and the offer is in line with appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the price of $5 an acre be accepted from Mr. Jones for the land above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following request was submitted from E. Albert Pallot and Arthur Treister of Miami, Florida: That they be granted deferment for the duration of the war in payments on 320 acres of land in Section 32, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, purchased from the State October 14, 1941, or that they be allowed to apply the cash payment of $542.80 made on a purchase dated January 15, 1942, of 186.94 acres in Section 34, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, on which they paid $212.74. Request was based on the fact that they will be unable to obtain the necessary material for improvements on the property or for road construction contemplated.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees defer payments for a period of six months on purchase made by Mr. Pallot and Mr. Treister October 24, 1941. Upon vote the motion was adopted and extension granted.

Request was presented from Julius F. Stone, Jr., Key West, Attorney for Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc., for permission to erect poles for overhead electric transmission lines across Whale Harbor, Snake Creek, Tavernir Creek; across water areas between Stock Island and Boca Chica Key; between Geiger Key and Saddlehill Key, and between Sugar Loaf Key and Key Cudjoe, Monroe County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that permit be issued in favor of Florida Keys Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit authorized issued.

The following offers were submitted from Paul M. Souder, Sarasota, Florida:

> On behalf of client MacKinlay Kantor, offer of $100.00 plus advertising costs, for 40/100 of an

acre of sovereignty land opposite property owned by Mr. Kantor in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County;

On behalf of client Max Don Howell, offer of $100 for 52/100 of an acre of sovereignty land in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offers from MacKinlay Kantor and Max Don Howell of $100 each for the parcels described, plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for objections as required by law.

The following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,767.12 were approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliott, Secretary and Engineer		$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time		50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		200.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass man for S. S. Savage		65.00
Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee		2.95
F. Elgin Bayless, Land Clerk		48.06
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		115.35
E. B. Savage, Compass man for S. S. Savage		25.20
Millard Conklin, Assistant Attorney General		40.00
J. E. Gillen, Assistant Attorney General		14.60
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		30.55
The Gulf County Breeze, Wewahitchka, Fla.		21.00
L. L. Conrad, Sheriff Okeechobee County		15.86
First Title Guaranty and Abstract Company, Key West, Fla.		31.00
Midyette-Moor Insurance Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		70.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.		5.50
TOTAL		$1,767.12

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	4/20/42	10
Broward	4/20/42	76
Broward	4/27/42	1
Dixie	5/11/42	2
Duval	3/25/42	35
Duval	5/12/42	1
Flagler	5/4/42	5
Hendry	4/24/42	3
Hernando	3/30/42	3
Hernando	4/25/42	8
Hernando	4/30/42	25
Hernando	5/8/42	1
Hernando	5/11/42	4
Lake	4/13/42	48
Leon	5/5/42	12
Marion	5/4/42	25
Orange	5/4/42	34
Osceola	5/4/42	14
Pasco	5/5/42	11
St. Lucie	5/4/42	22

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to accept bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that request had been received from Mr. V. Guy Day for release of part of State Road Right of Way in Volusia County Deeds Nos. 816 and 889 issued by the Trustees November 15, 1941, and February 5, 1942, respectively, and that the State Road Department had recommended release of a portion of such reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute quitclaim deeds in favor of V. Guy Day releasing that part of the right of ways as recommended by the State Road Department. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements over Martin County land under Chapter 18296, desired in connection with a State Road.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department over Murphy Act land in Martin County in connection with the following State Road:

Martin County Road No. 85, Project 5110—SRD No. 111 and No. 171.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that with reference to Resolution adopted by the State Association of Clerks and a proposed resolution with reference to application from cities and drainage districts to purchase Murphy Act lands, these matters had been discussed with the Attorney General and it was suggested that one resolution be drafted to cover both subjects and that a lower base bid be agreed upon for lands against which there were outstanding June 9, 1939, municipal liens, drainage district liens and lands of the class known as boom time subdivisions.

The Governor suggested that the Attorney General draw a proper resolution covering all three subjects and submit to the Trustees at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for preparing a resolution in line with the suggestions made, to be submitted to the Trustees at the next meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following report was presented from the Committee appointed July 8, 1941, to investigate and dispose of special cases under the Murphy Act:

May 6, 1942

Trustees Internal Improvement Board
CAPITOL

Re: Murphy Sales in Special Cases Held
Up Because of Insufficient Bids.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bids shown upon sheets numbering from 70 to 103, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 70 to 103, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommends."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve the report as submitted and affirm action taken by the Committee. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting in the negative.

Application was presented from Mr. Fred T. Williams, County Engineer for Seminole County, requesting 25 foot right of way through Murphy Act lands described as follows:

> Easement across the South 25 feet of the SW¼ of the NE¼ and W½ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 18, Township 21 South, Range 29 East, Seminole County.

Mr. Elliot reported that the grant had heretofore been authorized in favor of the State Road Department as that was the customary procedure for handling matters of this kind, but information from the Road Department was that such easement should be made to the County in this instance since the State would have no interest in the road.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of Seminole County, granting right of way through the lands above described for County road purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bay County, submitting offer from Tom Crawford of fifty (50) cents each for trees eight to ten inches at the butt, to be taken from the land owned by the State under Chapter 18296, described as:

> Blocks A, C, D, G, H, I, J, K, and M of Bay Park Manor, Town of Lynn Haven, Bay County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize removal of trees from the land described under certain conditions upon payment of fifty (50) cents each tree. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting no.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. Orris Nobles, Tax Collector of St. Lucie County, addressed to the Comptroller, with reference to extension on the tax rolls of lands which came to the State under Chapter 18296, and giving notice that unless instructed otherwise before May 10, interest would be assessed against these lands.

Motion was made by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that a letter be directed to Tax Assessors, Tax Collectors and Clerks instructing that lands, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296, be not extended on the tax rolls for collection of State and County taxes. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Comptroller Lee voting in the negative.

Mr. Elliot informed the Board that as he was unable to take the matter up with the Board he had written Mr. Nobles in effect that he was sure it was not intended that these lands should be extended on the tax rolls and were not subject to taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the action taken by the Secretary in writing the Tax Collector of St. Lucie County be confirmed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented three Manatee County cases as follows:

1. Clerk advises that on April 1, 1940, R. S. Dix bid $25 on Manatee County land and Deed No. 90 was prepared and sent to the Trustees for signature; that subsequent to mailing of deed Mr. Dix requested that his bid be refunded as he did not want to accept the land;
2. Clerk advises that on August 4, 1941, Mrs. Ann Murphy bid $150 for Manatee County land and Deed No. 325 was executed by the Trustees September 29, 1941; that since delivery of deed Walter Schmitt, Attorney for Mrs. Murphy, now deceased, writes that the land was purchased in error as it was thought that mortgage of Mrs. Murphy covered the parcel, when in fact it did not, but the parcel it did cover is being applied for and request is that Deed No. 325 be returned and the $150 bid applied on second parcel;
3. Clerk advises that on August 4, 1941, bid of $24 was made by Phil P. Toale and Deed No. 331 issued to him September 29, 1941; that the description was erroneous and second advertisement was had, describing a different parcel; that highest bid on second sale was $125. Clerk now requests that he be allowed to accept $24 as bid on second sale but if not agreed to by the Board that refund of $24 be authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline requests "1" and "2" from R. S. Dix, and Walter Schmitt, for the estate of Mrs. Ann Murphy, and with reference to "3" the Clerk be authorized to refund the bid of $24 as the sale was never completed, but that sale of the latter parcel with bid of $125 be consummated. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that investigation be made of protest from Mrs. Mabel Kirkland on sale of Jackson County land to W. C. McNutt and report submitted to the Trustees at the next meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Victor L. Perrotta, Associate Civil Engineer of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, requesting lease on land, title to which came to the State under Chapter 18296, on which to establish a Radio Beam Station within the city limits of Miami, Florida, the area selected being as follows:

> Lot 5 of Block 1 and Lots 1, 2, 12, and 13 of Block 2, in Cravatts Allpattah Homesites, Dade County,

located between Northwest 18th and 20th Avenues and between Northwest 30th and 32nd Streets.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States for the period from May 20, 1942, to June 30, 1942, with option of renewal from year to year not to extend beyond June 1952, upon rental basis of $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County requesting authority to sell as a whole Blocks 1 to 11 inclusive, Twin Lakes Subdivision, which takes in the whole subdivision. Information was given that the Trustees had agreed on a base bid for which application could be made on the subdivsion as a whole and as applicant M. H. Mabry desired to have subdivision plat cancelled and land put on an acreage basis for a grazing pasture he would not be interested in purchasing scattered parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to accept bids on Twin Lakes Subdivision as a whole tract rather than in separate tracts. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that action on the subject of cancellation of tax certificates be deferred until some future meeting. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Chas. M. Smith, Associate Land Appraiser, U. S. War Department, requesting lease of land in Manatee County, title to which came to the State under Chapter 18296, such land to be used in connection with the Sarasota-Bradentown Airport. The land desired comprises the following:

> Idlewild Court Subdivision of S½ of N½ of NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 25, Township 35 South,

Range 17 East, except Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 28, 47 and 48, Manatee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States, allowing use of the land above described for a period extending six (6) months beyond the present National Emergency, consideration to be $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized executed.

The following payroll, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,368.03 were approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee		$ 5.03
Merritt Brown Co., Jacksonville, Fla		3.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee		8.60
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville		113.58
F. C. Elliot		5.00
Fred M. Burns, Ass't Atty. Gen.		5.85
Millard B. Conklin, Ass't Atty. Gen		31.90
Comptroller, State of Florida		40.07
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster		30.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Stenographer		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Stenographer		125.00
John C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Stenographer		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Stenographer		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee		4.79
TOTAL		$1,125.00

The following refund check was issued during the month of May, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Minnie L. Gardner
c/o Langley Bell, C. C. C.
Escambia County
Pensacola, Florida $25.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
May 26, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Mr. Elliot presented the Minutes of May 12, 1942, for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees approve Minutes of May 12 as presented by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $60 from J. T. Jones of Trenton, Florida, to purchase

SE¼ of NW¼ of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 16 East, Levy County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to accept offer of $60 from Mr. Jones for the land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $165 was presented from Cauley C. Copeland, Cross City, Florida, for timber on Lots 2 and 10, Section 13, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Dixie County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the last appraisal on this section was in 1939, giving an estimate of 7000 feet of pine timber and 130 units of pulpwood, but that the value placed on the timber at that time was considerably less than the market price today.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of $165 for the timber, but make a counter proposal to accept $8 per thousand for pine timber and $1.25 per unit for pulpwood. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from S. M. Keen of Lake Wales, offering $883.00 for the

> SE¼ of NW¼, E½ of SE¼ and SW¼ of SE¼, Section 10, Township 31 South, Range 30 East, comprising 160 acres in Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $883 for the land applied for by Mr. Keen, such price being in line with the Field Agent's appraisal. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Request was presented from Luther Jones of Belle Glade, Florida, on behalf of forty owners of lots in the Subdivision of Lot 17, Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 19.77 acres, for release of statutory reservations in order that loans may be secured for building homes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize release of reservations on the forty lots included in application from Mr. Jones upon payment of $5 each lot for such releases. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District for grant of easement to the United States for right of way and perpetual spoil areas in Palm Beach County. Mr. Bayless reported that the request was in accordance with Act of the Legislature of 1929.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize easement for right of way and perpetual spoil area in the open waters of Jupiter Sound, Loxahatchee River and Jupiter River, in Township 40 South, Range 43 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were offered for the consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	5/18/42	1
Bradford	5/16/42	6
Brevard	5/12/42	20
Columbia	5/18/42	5
Dade	5/6/42	37
Gadsden	5/18/42	6
Hamilton	5/11/42	1
Hillsborough	5/6/42	42
Indian River	5/4/42	10
Jackson	4/27/42	7
Jackson	5/11/42	10
Madison	4/27/42	1
Monroe	5/12/42	84
Nassau	5/18/42	2
Okeechobee	5/7/42	2
Sarasota	5/11/42	24
Seminole	5/11/42	23
Suwannee	4/6/42	10
Taylor	4/3/42	5
Volusia	5/4/42	54
Wakulla	5/9/42	1
Walton	5/12/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Dade County Deed No. 642-Correction, in favor of William Randolph, was presented for approval, request being made on account of incorrect description in original deed.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees approve Dade County Correction Deed No. 642 and authorize the execution and delivery of same to Grantee. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Consideration of request from the Comptroller for action with reference to cancellation of tax certificates affecting Murphy Act land was deferred till a later meeting.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for easement conveying right of way across Murphy Act land desired in connection with State Road No. 17, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute Right of Way Easement in favor of the State Road Department across Murphy Act lands for benefit of the following road:

Hillsborough County Road No. 17, Project 1065 (5414)—SRD No. 77.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized.

The Secretary reported that there would be available $20,000 for transfer to General Revenue Fund from sales under Chapter 18296 and that Comptroller's warrant was being requested drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for deposit to General Revenue as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368, 1941

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$20,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 16, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES MATTERS PROPER

Mr. W. G. Blanchard came before the Trustees with reference to tentative arrangements made between him and C. Hayden Davis of Springfield, Illinois, for assignment of Oil, Gas and Mineral Contract and Option to Lease executed in his favor October 4, 1941. Statement was made by Mr. Blanchard that Mr. Davis had failed to carry out his part of the agreement; that under the terms of the contract—Section 5—it was provided that assignment of the Contract and Option to Lease was contingent upon approval in writing by the Trustees of such assignment; that since no request had been made of the Trustees for approval of such assignment he was asking that the Board adopt a resolution declining the approval of the proposed assignment.

Upon discussion of the subject, it was ascertained that the special committee heretofore appointed to investigate and make recommendations on oil leases had gone into the question and recommended the adoption of a resolution by the Trustees declining to agree to proposed assignment.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

> WHEREAS the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on October 4, 1941, entered into an Oil, Gas and Mineral Exploration Contract and Option to Lease with Wm. G. Blanchard as to certain State-owned lands, water-bottoms, etc., at, on and off the Southern tip of the Florida peninsula, and in and among the Florida Keys; and
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> WHEREAS said contract provided that any assignment thereof must be with the written consent of said Trustees; and
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> WHEREAS the said Trustees have been informed by the said Wm. G. Blanchard that he was induced to enter into a contract with C. Hayden Davis, of Springfield, Illinois, to assign said Exploration Contract and Option, or certain interests therein, to said C. Hayden Davis and others, said assignment to be taken in the name of some trust, partnership, association or corporation, to be organized for that specific purpose; and

> WHEREAS the said Wm. G. Blanchard has requested the Trustees to consent to, or refuse to consent to, said assignment; and
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> WHEREAS it appears to said Trustees that said assignment will not be for the best interests of the State of Florida in and under said Exploration Contract and Option;
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> NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by said Trustees that said proposed assignment by Wm. G. Blanchard to C. Hayden Davis and others, as aforesaid, of said Oil, Gas and Mineral Exploration Contract and Option to Lease dated October 4, 1941, be and the said proposed assignment is hereby disapproved and said Trustees do hereby refuse to give their consent to said proposed assignment in any manner whatsoever.

Upon vote, motion was carried and the Resolution adopted.

The Governor read the following memorandum of conference had in his office June 4, 1942, at which were present Governor Holland, Mr. Newton B. Drury, Director National Park Service; Mr. Wirth and Mr. C. R. Vinten of the National Park Service, Mr. Harold Colee, General Manager, Florida State Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees:

> Mr. Drury and his group from Washington first presented a map showing proposed boundary April 1942 which, it was understood, had not been approved by Mr. Ickes but was simply suggested as a basis for a somewhat reduced area for the proposed National Park. Under this map the total area would be reduced from 1,454,000 acres to 1,018,000 acres exclusive of sovereignty lands covered by salt water.
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> Mr. Elliot gave approximate information with reference to exploration contract for oil and gas exploration with Blanchard interests covering sovereignty lands from Cape Romano south to Cape Sable and east and northeast to north line of Monroe County on east side of the peninsula. He also gave such information as he had with reference to exploration agreement on Collier Estate and Empire Land Company lands and also

with reference to scattered State lands in vicinity of Blanchard Well on Tamiami Trail. Mr. Elliot is to supply to Mr. Drury for his information a copy of the exploration agreement with the Blanchard interests.

The difficulties involved have to do largely with the question of possible discovery of gas, oil, or other minerals and what should be the reasonable time limit allowed and effort expended in exploration for same, it being understood that the legislation covering refunding of the Everglades Drainage District bond issue allows for cancellation of the lien of the refunding bonds on any lands which may lie within said district and which may be included within the proposed National Park and so shown by the certificate of the Secretary of Interior.

Holland stated that in his judgment both the national emergency and also the importance of discovery of oil, gas or other minerals in this area to the State of Florida would preclude any general conveying in fee simple of State lands at this time and was sustained in said opinion by Mr. Colee. Holland suggested as a basis for a report to Mr. Ickes and further discussion that it might be well to try to block out an area bounded on the north by the line between Townships 57 and 58, South, as included within the proposed boundary of April 1942 (with the understanding that if the Federal Government ever authorized exploration for gas, oil or other minerals therein, and if such gas, oil or other minerals were discovered and produced that all the usual royalty rights accruing to the owner of the lands would in such case accrue to the State of Florida rather than to the Federal Government) as an area for conveyancing in fee simple to the Federal Government with the understanding that same would be accepted as a minimum area for the definite setting up of a National Park and with the understanding that insofar as the sovereignty lands contained in said area were concerned, they would have to be subject to the work-out of the present exploration lease held by Blanchard.

As to lands north of said line, it was suggested that State lands might be accepted by the Federal

> Government by conveyance under which full reservation of gas, oil, or other mineral rights to the State would be reserved (and with the further understanding that an effort might be made to secure the privately owned lands north of said line on the same basis) with the intention of conserving wildlife for the present under the Fish and Wildlife Service in the Department of the Interior, but of ultimately including said additional lands in the National Park, when gas, oil, or other mineral prospects have been sufficiently negatived.
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> With reference to the acquisition of privately owned lands in the area south of said line, it was understood that legislation already exists under which the State may exchange lands elsewhere outside of the National Park area for privately owned lands within said area for the purpose of conveying same to the Federal Government for National Park purposes and that such would be a part of the suggestion herein submitted for study.
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> It was likewise understood that the State school lands in the proposed area could likewise be secured by the State for conveyance to the Federal Government by exchange for the lands outside of the area. It was understood that Mr. Colee, representing the State Chamber of Commerce and as a former associate of the Florida East Coast Railway interests, would be willing to assist Mr. Drury and his associates in contacting the F. E. C. interests, who control the Model Land Company, which is the largest individual land holder in the area mentioned south of said dividing line between Townships 57 and 58.
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> It is understood, of course, that this conference represents an effort to negotiate a satisfactory solution of the problem and that neither Mr. Drury nor S. L. Holland have represented that they had authority of themselves to conclude the transaction upon the suggested basis.

Governor Holland reported that the proposed boundaries of the Everyglades National Park area had been drawn in considerably and eliminated practically all of the area north of Tamiami Trail and a portion along the East side and that part of the submerged area nearest the Keys.

Also that it was clearly understood that he was not in any way obligating the Trustees to acceptance of the amended plan but was only trying to work out some basis on which to procede with negotiations; that he understood it was the desire of the Board that he continue such negotiations and report from time to time the progress being made.

The Report was accepted and it was agreed that the Governor continue his efforts to assist the Federal authorities in working out a dfienite proposal to be submitted to the Trustees at some later date.

The Attorney General reported that there were a number of foreclosure suits being handled for the Trustees and that question had arisen as to amount of fees heretofore allowed the Special Master which was at the rate of $10 for each foreclosure; that Clerks, Newspapers and Sheriffs' fees were fixed by statute and the protest was on the small fees paid Special Masters. It was suggested that the Attorney General be authorized to pay Special Masters a fee not in excess of $25.00 for each case.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo. that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to pay Special Master's fees in foreclosure suits ranging from $10 to $25. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that on December 30, 1941, the Trustees had agreed to sell to Fort Pierce Port District two tracts of sovereignty land in the City of Fort Pierce, one containing 53.73 acres North of Causeway Drive and the other South of Causeway Drive containing 4.38 acres, being in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, but that the price was left to be agreed upon at a later date.

Attorney General Watson informed the Board that the action of December 30, 1941, was taken at his request for the purpose of creating a situation that would give opportunity to develop the issues desired in connection with title to the land.

Upon discussion of the offer of $1000 made by the Port District, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted, that action be postponed and that Mr. Bayless be requested to contact the Port District with a view to securing a better offer for the property.

Mr. Joe S. White of West Palm Beach, Florida, Messrs. R. G. Johnson, Sr., R. G. Johnson, Jr., and L. L. Stuckey, representing Richlands Inc., made application to purchase 3160 acres of Pelican Bay land leased to them in 1935 for a period of ten (10) years at a yearly rental of $10,000.00. Mr. White, as spokesman, furnished information that Richlands, Inc., had expended approximately $90,000 for permanent improvements on the Pelican Bay area and they were at the point now where it was necessary to provide additional improvements costing approximately $75,000 and the company did not feel justified in making such expenditure unless they could secure an option to purchase the land before expiration of the present lease. An offer of $50 an acre was made to purchase the 3160 acres.

Expression from some of the members was that they did not think the Trustees should dispose of the Pelican Bay lands but that a renewal or extension of the lease might be arranged. It was suggested that Richlands, Inc., submit a counter proposal for extension of the present lease.

Mr. White stated that should the Trustees decline to sell the land that Richlands, Inc., would make application for an extension of the lease for an additional period of ten (10) years upon the same terms and conditions.

The indication was that the Trustees would not be agreeable to an extension of the lease at the same rental price and requested Richlands, Inc., to submit a written proposal for renewal of the lease, upon receipt of which action would be taken by the Trustees—suggested date for disposition being June 29.

Mr. Bayless reported that foreclosure proceedings are now in process on Mortgage No. 16770 given by J. H. Whidden to secure payment of 204 acres of land in Section 7, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, purchased from the State in 1919. Total purchase price was $1020.25 with cash payment of $204.05. No further payments made on the property. The abstract discloses that on December 27, 1940, Mrs. D. S. Weeks acquired a quitclaim deed from J. H. Whidden and now offers the Trustees $5 an acre for satisfaction of the mortgage. Recommendation of the Attorney General and Mr. Bayless was that the offer be accepted conditioned that Mrs. Weeks also reimburse the Trustees for all expense incurred in connection with the foreclosure.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mrs. D. S. Weeks of $5 an acre for assignment of the mortgage on land covered by Entry No. 16770 plus reimbursement of all expense incurred in connection with foreclosure of the mortgage. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Action was deferred on request of Richlands, Inc., for extension till January 1, 1943, on balance of $5000, rental due the Trustees May 21, 1942.

Application was presented from Mrs. Edna O'Quinn of Coleman, Florida, for exploration contract and lease covering privilege of mining for potash from an area of Old Tampa Bay north of Gandy Bridge. Information was that Mrs. O'Quinn's husband performed extensive geological work in Florida and had drilled into a deposit of potash near Tampa, the exact quantity being unknown.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mrs. O'Quinn had talked with the State Geologist and he was interested in having the experiment carried on to see what could be found. Suggestion was that the matter be referred to Mr. Gunter for submission of a proposed exploration contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the application be referred to Dr. Gunter for working out with Mrs. O'Quinn a proposed contract and lease for mining potash in the Tampa area. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented resolution adopted by the City Commission of Panama City, Florida, urging that the Trustees deed to the United States Maritime Commission for the nominal consideration of $1 certain State land adjoining Dyer's Point on which Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation contemplates constructing victory ships.

Information was that the Trustees on April 28 and May 19 considered request from Panama City Shipbuilding Corporation on behalf of United States Maritime Commission, and agreed to execute lease in favor of the United States for such period as was necessary for construction of Victory Ships for a nominal consideration of $1 annually. Also report from the Land Office was that they had been unable to get any expression from the U. S. Maritime Commission, all correspondence having come from the City of Panama City or the Shipbuilding Company.

The Trustees were of the opinion that they were without authority to convey lands of the State as requested, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to execute deed as applied for by the City of Panama City, but that action of May 19 be reaffirmed authorizing execution of lease in favor of United States Maritime Commission. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Mr. W. P. Bevis for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 185 affecting approximately 40 acres, being a part of Lake Jackson, Leon County, adjacent to Lot 3, Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 1 West. Offer of $10 was submitted for renewal of one year.

Discussion was had as to advisability of renewing Lease No. 185 in view of inconvenience to the public with reference to gate which allows access to the road around the Lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to renew Lease No. 185 in favor of W. P. Bevis, affecting 40 acres of lake bottoms on Lake Jackson. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the request denied.

Application was presented from Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce requesting right of way in favor of the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County in connection with construction of a County road around Lake Jackson. It was stated that there was no road around the Lake accessible to hunters and fishermen of Leon County.

The Board was informed that the last statement was in error as there were roads leading from highways into Lake Jackson; that at times the gate leading to the main road had been closed and in some instances locked presumably to protect cattle of lease-holders in that area and which may have caused some inconvenience to the public.

It was suggested that the Trustees notify the Chamber of Commerce that since there are no existing grazing leases around the Lake, and no reason for the closing of gates leading to the lake roads, there will be no necessity for right of way. Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that said suggestion be adopted as the action of the Board. Upon vote the motion was carried and so ordered.

Offer of $100 an acre was presented from C. A. Bailey on behalf of client, L. B. Neuman, for the purchase of Tract 4, Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing 17.79 acres in Palm Beach County. Information was that the land is at present leased for agricultural purposes on a basis of $10 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Dr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Neuman for purchase of the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Information was presented from A. E. Freel, General Manager for Florida Land and Explorations, Inc., that because of Governmental restrictions he is unable to complete geophysical work required under his lease No. 233 and states that he must invoke the provisions of Section Six (6) in said lease. He requestes certified copy of Minutes of the Trustees authorizing suspension of operations as of June 4, 1942, until such time as the ban may be lifted by the Federal Government. Evidence was presented substantiating statement of Mr. Freel as to ban by the Federal Government.

Information was desired as to whether or not the ban affected only the coastal territory or the entire area covered by lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and subsequent report to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request similar to that of Mr. Freel was presented from J. Ray Arnold in connection with Lease No. 224. Information was that Mr. Arnold had not furnished reports as provided under the terms of his contract nor furnished proof that any attempted work had been prohibited.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the request from Mr. Arnold be referred to the Attorney General for investigation and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented application from R. E. Jacques of Miami, Florida, for the purchase of Conch Key in Section 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County, on which Key he holds Lease No. 126 bearing date of November 1, 1940, and expiring five years from said date with monthly payments of $50. Option to purchase the Key is requested on price and terms to be agreed upon.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that since the Trustees are not disposed to sell Conch Key, they deny request of Mr. Jacques for option to purchase. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Kent Pendleton of Fort Myers, Florida, for a five-year extension of Mineral Lease No. 259 dated April 14, 1942, for a period of five (5) years, covering sovereignty land in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties. Mr. Pendleton's reason for requesting extension was that cost of installing the necessary plant and equipment was so high that he desired lease of sufficient length to justify the expenditure.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to extend Lease No. 259 for an additional period of five years for the reason that the lease had been in force only three months. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the request denied.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Charles M. Moon, on behalf of General Properties, Inc., for quitclaim deed to an area in Government Lot 2, Section 2, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Information was furnished that sometime ago the Trustees agreed to sell this land to Thomas H. Horobin but actual transfer of title had not been consummated.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that this matter be referred to the Attorney General for examination and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $447 was presented from J. E. Graves of Gainesville, Florida, for timber on the N½ of Lot 11, Section 30, Township 6, South, Range 20 East, containing 40 acres in Bradford County.

The offer being in line with value placed on the timber by the Field Agent, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $447 for timber on the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer from F. W. Zander of $200 cash, plus all costs incurred by the Trustees in foreclosure proceedings, for satisfaction of mortgage dated October 28, 1926. By Entry No. 17790, 19.14 acres of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East—Okeechobee County, were purchased by F. W. Zander at a price of $30 an acre, or a total of $574.20, with cash payment of $150. No further payments having been made, foreclosure proceedings were started. The Land Clerk reported that the price offered for satisfaction of the mortgage was in line with sales recently made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $200 in payment for satisfaction of mortgage, plus reimbursement of all expense in connection with foreclosure of Mortgage No. 17790. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered, Mr. Lee voting No.

Application was received from Neal Adams of Gainesville, Florida, offering $936.10 for the merchantable timber and wood located on Section 22, Township 4 South, Range 20 East, Union County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer made by Mr. Adams for the timber, it having been ascertained that the price was in line with appraisal by the Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Request was presented from M. L. Esarey, on behalf of L. E. Wills, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids the following described land in Palm Beach County:

> S½ of SE¼ and S½ of SW¼, Section 35;
> N½ of NE¼; S½ of SE¼ and S½ of SW¼, Section 27;
> Township 44 South, Range 36 East,

for the land in Section 35. Mr. Wills agrees to bid not less than $20 an acre, and for that in Section 27, not less than $15 an acre, on date of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land applied for by Mr. Esarey for competitive bids with the understanding that he will bid not less than $20 and $15 an acre as above stated. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for bids.

Application was presented from Navigator's Inc., Miami, Florida, for renewal of Lease No. 150 for a period of one year, covering one acre of submerged area on which the organization maintains a Club House.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Lease No. 150 in favor of Navigator's Inc., for a period of one year upon payment of $10. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered renewed.

Mr. Bayless informed the Board that on May 19 offer of $960 was presented from Joe A. Hilliard of LaBelle for the S½ of Section 9, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, and that action taken was to notify Mr. Vose Babcock of the offer since he had a lease on the land. Mr. Babcock requests that the Trustees extend his present lease, together with other lands, to December 15, 1946, the reason for including other areas being that the Government has taken over approximately 25,000 acres of his pasture for a Flexible Gunnery Range and he is in vital need of additional land.

Upon discussion of the two applications, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Hilliard to purchase the land, and that no action be taken on request from Mr. Babcock. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. R. B. Fox of Dallas, Texas, desiring to know if the Trustees would entertain an offer for sale of cypress timber owned by the State at Crow's Bluff, located on the St. Johns River in Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Fox be notified that the Trustees will entertain offers to purchase the Crow's Bluff timber, and that notice be given in the newspapers that bids will be received, advertisements to carry two separate parcels—one covering timber North of the Bridge and the other for that South of the Bridge. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless stated that Southern Lumber Journal had requested that they be allowed to carry the advertisement, which was agreeable to the Board.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $55.35 from Field and Essie Mae Jones for Lots 41 and 42, Block 28, First Addition to Acrehome—Palm Beach County—title to which land vested in the State under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, such amount to also cover quitclaim of reservations. Information was that the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County had adopted a resolution requesting that the Trustees accept $55.35 for the two lots rather than amount of the Decree—$136.74, it being agreed that the State would receive its full equity and the County assume the loss.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of the County Commissioners and authorize sale of Lots 41 and 42, Block 28, to Field and Essie Mae Jones upon payment of $50.35; also that quitclaim be executed conveying statutory reservation upon payment of $5.00, making a total of $55.35 for the two deeds. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds ordered issued.

Application of East Shore Drainage District having been presented May 19, and deferred until Richlands, Inc. could be notified, was again submitted to the Trustees. Letter was presented from Richlands, Inc. in which they asked that no action be taken until such time as all parties could be heard and pointed out some of the disadvantages that would fall on them should right of way be allowed through the land now under lease to them.

Mr. Elliot reported that should the right of way be allowed as requested by East Shore Drainage District there would result a reduction of 15 acres in the area under lease to Richlands, Inc.; land southward of the ditch and levees to the extent of ninety (90) acres would be cut off from that to the northward and made inaccessible; that drainage facilities heretofore provided and used by Richlands, Inc. would be made unserviceable for land lying south of proposed ditch and levees.

Estimated damaged suffered would be as follows:

Value of land—15 acres	$1,500.00
Making land inaccessible	1,000.00
Making existing drainage facilities unserviceable	3,600.00
	$6,100.00

Upon consideration of the application, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to allow right of way through Pelican Bay lands as applied for by East Shore Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Financial Statements for the month of May, 1942, are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$ 7,322.01	
Land Sales—Under Chapter 14572	1,525.00	
Grazing Leases	165.65	
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases	1,132.12	
Timber Lease	7.81	
Farm Lease	152.40	
Sale Certified Copy Trustees Minutes	1.50	
Reimbursement A/c Advertising Land Sales	17.75	
Refund A/c Overpayment Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes on I. I. Lands	.61	
Wt. No. 224717, to Ruth Bass Hylton T. C. Highlands Co. Cancelled A/c Everglades Drainage Dist. Taxes for 1941 not on Tax Rolls	61.66	
Total Receipts for May, 1942	$10,386.51	$ 10,386.51
Balance as of May 1, 1942		163,261.00
GRAND TOTAL		$173,647.51
Less Disbursements for May, 1942		1,788.35
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MAY 31, 1942		$171,859.16

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
May 8,	254961	Ruth Bass Hylton, T. C.	$ 1.23
21,	263859	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	20.00
22,	264366	F. E. Bayless	48.06

	265058	S. S. Savage	115.35
	265059	E. B. Savage	25.20
	265060	Millard B. Conklin, A. A. G.	40.00
	265061	J. E. Gillen, A. A. G.	14.60
	265062	W. B. Granger	30.55
	265063	The Gulf County Breeze	21.00
	265064	L. L. Conrad	15.86
	265065	First Title Guar. & Abst. Co.	31.00
	265066	Midyette-Moore Ins. Co.	70.00
	265067	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
30,	270525	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	270526	Elgin Bayless	272.05
	270527	M. O. Barco	175.00
	270528	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	270529	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	270530	S. S. Savage	200.00
	270531	J. B. Lee	10.00
	270532	E. B. Savage	65.00
	270533	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	2.95
		Total Disbursements for the Month of May, 1942	$1,788.35

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1942

Balance on hand as of May, 1942	$ 3,301.33
Receipts for the month	$22,648.70
GRAND TOTAL	$25,950.03
Less Disbursements for the month	1,393.03
BALANCE ON HAND MAY 31, 1942	$24,557.00

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
May 25,	264623	Minnie L. Gardner	$ 25.00
	264624	Comptroller of Florida	40.07
	264625	Western Union Tel. Co.	5.03
	264626	Merritt Brown Co.	3.00
	264627	Capital Office Eqpt. Co.	8.60
	264628	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	113.58
	264629	F. C. Elliot	5.00
	264630	Fred M. Burns, A. A. G.	5.85

	264631	Millard B. Conklin, A. A. G.	31.90
	264632	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	30.00
30,	270515	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	270516	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	270517	Helen Phillips	150.00
	270518	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	270519	John C. Moore	148.13
	270520	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	270521	M. O. Barco	25.00
	270522	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	270523	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	270524	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79
		Total Disbursements for the Month of May, 1942	$1,393.03

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND

UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Financial Statement for the Month of May, 1942

RECEIPTS

May 1.	Balance	$1,990.50
May 27.	Oil Lease	904.50
May 31.	GRAND TOTAL	$2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS

	Disbursements	None
May 31.	Balance	$2,895.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Attorney General called to the attention of the Trustees tax sales now being held in various County where State and Federal lands were included in such sales, with special reference to lands under Chapter 18296. Information was that a sale was advertised to be held June 15th in Santa Rosa County including lands under Chapter 18296, but was enjoined and held up pending Court action;

that telegrams had been sent to all tax collectors requesting information as to whether State or Internal Improvement Fund lands were being advertised for sale, giving date of such sales, and that this information would be available in a few days; that some action should be taken to prevent State lands from being sold and tax certificates issuing against them. Also that the carrying of such land on the tax rolls resulted in unnecessary payment of fees to the tax assessors, tax collectors and clerks and recommended that the assessors be notified to not carry these lands on the assessment roll.

Statement by Comptroller Lee was that the debt service tax for payment of bonds had been applied to all these lands—State and Federal—and that his instructions to the tax assessors had been and would continue to be that such lands be extended on the rolls, and in the case of State or Internal Improvement Fund lands that they be taken care of in the Error and Insolvency account; that he was taking this stand in the interest of individual tax payers in order that the whole debt service lien would not apply to a few parcels.

The Attorney General asked if the lands could not be held liable but not extended on the assessment roll, thereby saving considerable cost to the State, and if later it be determined that they should be paid, the State would be the debtor. The Attorney General was of the opinion that the Santa Rosa County case now in Court would settle the question one way or the other, but in the meantime other counties were holding sales and certificates would be issued against State lands before decision could be had, and some action should be taken to protect the State lands.

The Governor was of the opinion that this was a question to be settled by the Comptroller and Attorney General and suggested that it be referred to them for disposition, which was agreed to and became the action of the Board.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for action:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	5/20/42	22
Bay	5/11/42	14
Bay	5/25/42	9

Broward	5/18/42	60
Charlotte	5/11/42	34
Citrus	4/8/42	8
Citrus	5/11/42	9
Clay	5/30/42	4
Columbia	5/20/42	4
Dade	5/20/42	41
DeSoto	6/25/42	1
DeSoto	6/1/42	3
Dixie	5/25/42	1
Duval	4/22/42	37
Duval	5/27/42	63
Escambia	5/11/42	13
Flagler	6/1/42	1
Franklin	5/25/42	1
Hamilton	6/8/42	3
Hardee	5/4/42	16
Hardee	6/1/42	10
Hillsborough	5/5/42	51
Hillsborough	5/25/42	59
Holmes	3/30/42	1
Holmes	5/4/42	1
Holmes	5/25/42	1
Indian River	6/8/42	7
Jefferson	5/18/42	4
Lake	5/11/42	34
Leon	6/1/42	5
Levy	5/11/42	3
Levy	6/8/42	5
Madison	6/8/42	1
Manatee	3/4/40	2
Manatee	6/1/42	19
Marion	6/1/42	18
Marion	6/1/42	32
Martin	6/1/42	1
Nassau	6/8/42	3
Okeechobee	5/21/42	1
Okeechobee	5/28/42	1
Okeechobee	6/4/42	1
Okeechobee	6/11/42	3
Orange	6/1/42	12
Palm Beach	4/10/42	15
Pasco	6/2/42	6
Pinellas	5/26/42	1
Pinellas	5/26/42	80
Polk	4/30/42	76
Putnam	5/2/42	37

Putnam	5/23/42	37
St. Johns	5/13/42	12
St. Lucie	6/1/42	6
Taylor	5/2/42	3
Talyor	5/23/42	3
Wakulla	5/16/42	9
Wakulla	5/23/42	1
Wakulla	5/30/42	2
Walton	5/19/42	8
Walton	6/1/42	2
Washington	4/21/42	9

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject, however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented requests for correction deeds as follows:

> Clay County Deed No. 47-COR., in favor of Lloyd Bass—To eliminate description erroneously certified to the State.
>
> Osceola County Deed No. 182-COR., in favor of Fred M. Lyon—To add description erroneously omitted from original deed and also from certificate list.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Correction Deed No. 47 in favor of Lloyd Bass and Correction Deed No. 182 in favor of Fred M. Lyon, be authorized as requested and that execution and delivery thereof be made. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of ways through land under Chapter 18296 located in Brevard and Martin Counties.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant right of ways through land under Chapter 18296 in Brevard and Martin Counties to be used in connection with the following State Roads:

> Brevard County Airport Road—Melbourne-Eau Gallie Project—SRD No. 1.
>
> Martin County Road No. 199—Project 5417—SRD No. 1.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements authorized executed for delivery to the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported that approximately a year ago the Trustees withdrew from sale certain land under Chapter 18296 located in Leon County, in the vicinity of Dale Mabry Field, pending acquisition by the United States for use as a bombing range. The United States Forest Service has acquired for its own use and for the use of Dale Mabry Field such parcels as are desired, and it is recommended that all parcels included in the reserved area not acquired by the United States be released for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees release from the reserved area the parcels of Murphy Act land in Leon County referred to by the Secretary not applied for or acquired by the United States in connection with Dale Mabry Field. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land described ordered placed on the list available for sale.

Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeSoto County on behalf of the City of Arcadia, that the Trustees accept $25 for approximately 65 acres of land under Chapter 18296, located in Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, known as Arcadia Golf Club property.

Application for base bid of $75 having been declined early in 1941, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to accept a base bid of less than one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value. Upon vote the motion was adopted and request from the City of Arcadia denied.

The Secretary reported that the State owns a tract of land in Leon County, under Chapter 18296, located about 6½ miles south of Tallahassee on the Woodville road, known as Rhodes S/D and Woodville Terrace Lots, Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 1 East, containing approximately 18 acres; that there is a nice stand of pine timber on the tract and it has recently been cleared of underbrush and the fallen timber removed and sold. It is recommended that the lots be withdrawn from sale temporarily and placed under the jurisdiction of the Forestry Department for protection.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the land described by Mr. Elliot be temporarily withdrawn from sale and placed under the Forestry Department for protection. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the United States, by Project Manager F. E. Wilkinson of Stuart, Florida, requesting lease on approximately 390 acres of State land in Sections 24, 26, 35 and 36 in Township 45 South, Range 25 East, and in Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East, Lee County. Lease is requested for the period until June 30, 1967, or the end of the war and six months thereafter, whichever first occurs, for the sum of $1 annually.

The Secretary reported that one parcel of land applied for was owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and had a tax sale certificate outstanding, which should be cancelled by the Comptroller.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize two separate leases in favor of the United States on the lands described, at a yearly rental of $1.00, and that the Comptroller be requested to cancel certificate against I. I. Fund land in order to clear the title. Upon vote the motion was adopted and leases ordered prepared.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the request of the United States Forest Service the Trustees had reserved from sale certain parcels of Murphy Act land in Ocala National Forest pending filing of application to purchase. The Trustees' Agent in Dixie County inadvertently accepted application and offered for sale two parcels on which bids were submitted by Palatka Lumber Company. Upon rejection of the bids, Palatka Lumber Company advised that it would be satisfactory with them that their bids be assigned to the Federal Forest Service, which offer of assignment of bid was also requested by the Forest Service in order that title might pass prior to June 30, 1942.

Upon consideration of the requests, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees reopen the bids as submitted on Clerk's Report No. 31 and approve assignment from Palatka Lumber Company in favor of the United States Forest Service, such action carrying with it authority for execution and delivery of deed in favor of the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented the following requests in favor of the United States Forest Service:

1. That the Trustees authorize acceptance of all bids by the United States Forest Service which are in compliance with the rules under Chapter 18296; also, all bids on lands applied for by the Forest Service but for which no higher bids were offered by other parties.
2. That the Trustees waive 21 day protest rule on Marion County sale of June 22nd, 1942, as to U. S. Forest bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant the foregoing requests from the United States Forest Service, it being understood that the highest bids offered would be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Franklin County case involving land formerly owned by Rebecca Thornton, colored, 67 years old, was presented with the statement from the Clerk that the woman, a widow for 30 years, holds receipts of taxes paid by herself and family on the land for 58 years; that she paid taxes on the property till 1931 when she applied for widow's exemption, through error to the City Tax assessor rather than the County Assessor, the two officials having the same name.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that Certificates 137 of 1932 and 217 of 1933, held by the State under Chapter 18296, outstanding against the property formerly owned by Rebecca Thornton, described as Lot 4, Block 178, Apalachicola, be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the certificates ordered cancelled.

Application was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County for allowance of base bid of $50 for advertisement of triangular shaped lot adjoining the Court House property, having an assessed value in 1932 of $1000.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, and duly adopted, the Trustees declined to allow advertisement on a base bid of $50 as requested by the County.

Mr. Elliot presented application for reconsideration of action taken by the Board May 19th on Manatee County sale in favor of Mrs. Ann Murphy, evidence having been submitted that Trustees' Agent through error advertised the wrong parcel of land. Request is now made that amount filed with application—$150 be applied on new application for purchase of land originally intended to be advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees rescind action taken May 19th and authorize amount of bid credited on subsequent application to purchase. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary requested that the Trustees take action on approximately 65 cases involving requests for cancellation of certificates, the Comptroller having stated that such would be necessary before action could be taken by his office.

Upon consideration of the subject, it was suggested that blanket authority would be desirable covering certain classes of certificates eligible for cancellation. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Elliot, as Secretary for the Trustees, be instructed that in cases where lands were certified to the Trustees by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties as coming under Chapter 18296, and where such certificates are clearly shown to be improperly included on such certificate list by reason of any of the four following facts:

1. Double Assessment
2. Church property not subject to taxation
3. School property not subject to taxation
4. Lands under the provisions of the Futch Acts not subject to forfeiture of title under the Murphy Act

he be empowered to strike such lands from the certificate list and notify the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County in which the land is located, and report to the Comptroller that the Trustees on behalf of the State disclaims any Murphy Act title to such lands. Upon vote the motion was adopted and it was so ordered that such procedure be followed in cases coming within the four classifications specified.

The secretary presented for approval Minutes of the Trustees dated May 19 and 26, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 23, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Salaries for June, 1942, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,783.18 were presented and upon motion of Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, were approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor as follows:

F. Elgin Bayless, Land Clerk	$ 97.35
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala	135.07
E. B. Savage, Compass Man for S. S. Savage	32.42
J. R. Bullock, Asst. Atty. Gen.	20.55
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade	20.20
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	5.50
Elmer Burgess, Pub., The Sunshine Special-Tiff	24.38
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C., Palm Beach Co.	42.50
Roy R. Raulerson, C. C. C., Okeechobee Co.	20.00
L. R. Baker, Sheriff Palm Beach Co.	1.20

Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C., Monroe Co.		20.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer		400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time		50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		200.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding timber tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man		80.00
Protective Life Insurance Company, for Ralph D. Newman Agencies		2.95
TOTAL		$1,783.18

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mayo, and adopted that the following salaries for June 1942, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,325.77 be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	$	3.27
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee		.96
Merritt Brown Co., Jacksonville		5.26
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., Jacksonville		14.60
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee		8.50
Cincinnati Office Supply Co., Cincinnati, Ohio		38.70
C. B. McKinnon, Tallahassee		67.50
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee		1.00
Joseph E. Gillen, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		5.50
Fred M. Burns, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		21.45
Millard B. Conklin, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		34.03
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Steno.-Clerk		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Steno.Clerk		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Steno		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Steno		25.00

F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee	4.79
TOTAL	$1,325.77

The following refund checks were issued during the month of June, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Lloyd Bass c/o L. T. Ivey, C. C. C. Clay County Green Cove Springs, Florida	$ 20.00
City of Palmetto c/o Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	362.00
Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	25.00
Phil P. Toale c/o Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	24.00
TOTAL	$431.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 29, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees met in special session for the purpose of taking action with reference to consummation of certain matters in connection with Everglades Drainage District.

The following Resolution prepared by the Attorney General and approved by the attorney for Everglades Drainage District was read:

RESOLUTION BY TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF CHAPTER 20658, ACTS OF 1941.

WHEREAS Everglades Drainage District has completed the essential steps toward composition of the District's debt, has effectuated a re-adjustment of Drainage District taxes, both current and delinquent, upon the lands of said District, is proceeding with the collection of current taxes and of delinquent taxes, all in pursuance of Law relating thereto, and the District having completed all necessary legal procedure and other matters to the end that the District's finances shall be on a sound basis, to the benefit of the District, the land owners and tax payers therein, and to the public generally, and

WHEREAS, being the largest land owner and tax payer in Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have reason to believe that they among other land owners will become beneficiaries through those things now being effectuated by Everglades Drainage District and through the settlement of debt as between said District and said Trustees and the cancellation of all liability as between them, all as provided for in Section 17 of Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, which said Section is as follows, to-wit:

> "SECTION 17. All Everglades Drainage District Special assessments and taxes whether or not evidenced by tax sale certificates, heretofore levied, assessed or entered with respect to lands now owned in fee simple by the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall become cancelled and annulled upon the release, cancellation and surrender by such Trustees to the Board of Commissioners of all claims and demands, including Certificates of Indebted-

> ness issued by said District pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 14717, held by said Trustees against the District. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the lands owned or claimed to be owned by the Trustees pursuant to the provisions of Everglades Drainage District laws enacted prior to the year 1931, or to the provisions of Chapter 18296, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937."

and,

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund adopted a RESOLUTION bearing date of June 23, 1941, accepting and agreeing to abide by the terms of said Section, the original of which said RESOLUTION was delivered to Everglades Drainage District, and

WHEREAS, said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund desire to do their part in assisting said District in the effectuation and final completion of those things leading to re-establishment of the District on a sound financial basis and other things necessary and advantageous to said District and the landowners therein, and as a part to that end said Trustees have paid all drainage district taxes due for the year 1941 on all lands owned by said Trustees in said District, said taxes being in the amount of $85,258.85, and

WHEREAS, said Trustees now desire and are ready to complete those things authorized to be preformed by them under said Section 17 and thereby, with current taxes heretofore paid, leave the lands of the Internal Improvement Fund located in Everglades Drainage District free and clear of all said Drainage District taxes to and including the year 1941, and further thereby will have performed their part in assisting the District in accomplishing its plan for refinancing, the establishing of the said District on a sound financial basis, and of encouraging the said District to proceed with such other things as may be desirable and beneficial to it and the landowners thereof, now therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida:

1. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17,

Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, and for and in consideration of the cancellation of all Everglades District special assessments and taxes, up to and including those for the year 1940, whether or not evidenced by tax sale certificates heretofore levied, assessed or entered with respect to or against lands now owned in fee simple by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, do hereby release, cancel and surrender to Everglades Drainage District all certificates of indebtedness of said District held by said Trustees, in the principal amount of 992,508.47, together with accumulated interest thereon, a list of said certificates of indebtedness being attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

2. That the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17, Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, do hereby release and surrender to the Everglades Drainage District, free from any claim of the said Trustees, all bonds and coupons of the said District now held by the State Treasurer of the State of Florida, for the account of the said Trustees, in the aggregate sum of $683,705.00, a list of such bonds and coupons referred to herein being attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

3. That further in pursuance of said Section 17 of Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, the said Trustees hereby release, cancel and surrender to Everglades Drainage District all claims and demands which said Trustees have against Everglades Drainage District, whether evidenced by certificates of indebtedness of said District without reference to whether or not enumerated in the list attached hereto; or whether evidenced by bonds and coupons of said District without reference to whether or not enumerated in list attached hereto; or whether evidenced by any instrument or record of any debt or obligation of said District to said Trustees; and from all obligations or liability to said Trustees of every nature or kind whatsoever, existing at the date of this resolution.

4. That Everglades Drainage District is hereby requested to formally acknowledge acceptance of this RESOLUTION, and in consideration of the said Trustees having completed those things provided to be done by them under Section 17 of Chapter 20658, pledge that proper entry will be made upon the tax records of said District to show thereon that all delinquent taxes on lands of the Internal Improvement Fund in said District, which said lands are described in lists thereof, certified by the Trustees to said District on March 11, 1942, have been cancelled as provided in said Section; and that the District acknowledge the release, cancellation and surrender of Certificates of Indebtedness of said District held by said Trustees, of bonds and coupons of said District held by said Trustees; and the release and cancellation of all debt and liability of every kind whatsoever as between Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, existing at the date of this resolution.

Upon discussion of the resolution, motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that in the event any items were discovered that had not been listed under 1, 2 and 3 of the resolution, but which should have been included, the Secretary be directed to report such items to the board and in the case of omitted lands that all back taxes be cancelled against such parcels the same as on lands listed, and in the event of any indebtedness or obligation found to have been omitted that the resolution also apply. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Attorney General brought up the question of clearing records in the Clerks' offices. Mr. Elliot reported that the matter of entry upon the tax records of cancellation of tax certificates against the Trustees' land had been taken up with M. Lewis Hall, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, and it was agreeable with him that lists of State lands be furnished as a basis for cancellation of back taxes and tax certificates on State land.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be directed to follow up the provisions of the resolution with reference to cancellation of taxes and tax certificates on the record and see that the provisions therein were complied with by both the District and the Clerks of the various counties. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Governor suggested that the State Auditor be requested to delegate an assistant State Auditor to do the necessary checking of the records. Mr. Watson moved that the Governor's suggestion be adopted. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote carried.

The Governor stated that as he understood it, a motion had been made and adopted that hereafter if anything should show up not listed as coming under items 1, 2 and 3 of the resolution, such as obligations of the District or Trustees, or any additional lands owned by the State other than listed that they likewise be included for cancellation of all back taxes, and that the local Board agrees that such be done.

The original resolution was reverted to and motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the resolution as above be adopted. Upon vote the motion was carried and so ordered.

Also, the following Resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION RE DELIVERY OF CASH AND BONDS BY TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, IN PURSUANCE OF SECTION 17, of Chapter 20658 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund did on this date adopt a resolution providing for the surrender to Everglades Drainage District of all cash, bonds and bond coupons of said District held by said Trustees and the release of said District from all debt to said Trustees, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the State Treasurer as custodian of said cash, bonds and bond coupons is hereby authorized to surrender and deliver to Everglades Drainage District all cash, bonds and bond coupons of said District held by him for account of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and to prepare a list thereof with a proper receipt attached thereto to be signed by said District evidencing the acceptance of said cash, bonds and coupons, and that the State Treasurer is hereby further authorized to surrender other evidence of debt, if any there be in his hands, as between the Trustees and said District to be receipted for in like manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when the foregoing shall have been accomplished the State Treasurer is requested to submit a report of the same to the Trustees for their record.

Upon discussion, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the resolution with reference to surrender and delivery to Everglades Drainage District of all cash, bonds and bond coupons of said District held for account of Trustees by the State Treasurer, be adopted. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Attorney General presented letter from W. N. Crooks, Chairman, Board of Commissioners Fort Pierce Port District, together with certified copy of resolution adopted by said Port District, which letter and resolution are as follows:

"Fort Pierce, Florida
June 26, 1942

Trustees of Internal Improvement
Funds of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Gentlemen:

The Board of Commissioners of Fort Pierce Port District hereby make application to purchase that area of sovereignty land as covered by our resolution of September 6, 1941, containing 58.11 acres lying and being in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, and requests that said area be advertised in compliance with the statutes. The price and terms to be agreed upon on day of sale.

Very truly yours
W. N. CROOKS
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Fort Pierce Port District"

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that this Board of Commissioners of Fort Pierce Port District make application to purchase that area of sovereignty land as covered

> by our resolution of September 6, 1941, containing 58.11 acres lying and being in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, and request the proper officials to advertise said area in compliance with the statutes; the price and terms to be agreed upon on day of sale; that the Chairman of this Board make such application in writing to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida."

Mr. Watson recommended that the request of Fort Pierce Port District be complied with as a basis for bringing suit to determine title to lands sought to be purchased. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the application of Fort Pierce Port District as set forth in the foregoing letter and resolution and advertise the land for sale, price and terms to be agreed upon on day of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted, Mr. Lee voting No. The land was ordered advertised as required by law.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 30, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Mr. W. G. Blanchard, Mr. McCord, Mr. Frank Pepper, Mr. M. Q. Petersen and Mr. W. M. Kilpatrick, came before the Trustees with reference to Oil Exploration Contract. Mr. Blanchard reported progress made under the contract and displayed charts or maps of areas surveyed from the lower Everglades area to Cape Sable, which he reported as showing definite evidence of six possible oil domes; that owing to lack of capital they had been handicapped in drilling operations but now had hopes of interesting Mr. Petersen and Mr. Kilpatrick in joining with them in the contract.

Mr. Petersen informed the Board that his company would very shortly know whether they would associate themselves with Mr. Blanchard's interest and if so work would be started immediately and drilling operations proceeded with; that a few minor changes would be desired in the contract but they would not affect the main conditions materially.

Questions were asked by the different members as to the fields with which Mr. Petersen had been associated and other general information.

The Governor stated that the Trustees were very anxious to see decided progress made under the contracts authorized, especially in the southern part of the State as the Federal Forest Service was very anxious to establish the Everglades National Park, and transfer of land had been held up pending outcome of oil operations in that section.

There being no necessity for action to be taken by the Trustees at this time, the delegation thanked the Board for the time given to them.

Governor Holland requested to be excused from the meeting.

Pursuant to application from J. E. Beardsley of Clewiston, Florida, presented to the Trustees May 19, 1942, requesting advertisement of certain land for competitive bids, with the understanding that he would pay cost of advertisement if no satisfactory bid received, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 28, June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 25, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, June 30, 1942, for the following described land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

> "NW¼; W¼ of W½ of NE¼ and S½ of Section 15; All of Section 23; N½ and N½ of S½ of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, containing 1620 acres, more or less."

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Upon bids being called for the following offers were submitted:

J. E. Beardsley:

Land West of Canal in Section 27	$ 5.00 an acre
Land East of Canal in Section 27	6.00 an acre
All Section 23	10.00 an acre
Land East of Canal in Section 15	12.00 an acre

J. Edgar Hamilton:

Land West of Canal in Section 27	$ 6.00 an acre
Land West of Canal in Section 15	12.50 an acre

No other bids being presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees take the offers under consideration at the next meeting, since only three members were present. Upon vote the motion was adopted and action postponed on the bids submitted.

The Trustees on May 19, 1942, having agreed to advertise for objections land in Sarasota County, applied for by Paul M. Souder, for client McKinlay Kantor, with bid of $100 plus cost of advertisement, the following Notice was published in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on May 28, June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, May 25, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, June 30, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged and partially submerged land in SARASOTA County, Florida, described as follows:

> "Begin at the N. W. Corner of Lot 48 of Plat of Revised Siesta;
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> thence, West 50 feet to the West line of Government Lot 4, Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, for a Point of Beginning;
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> thence, continue West to the waters of Big Sarasota Pass;
>
> thence, southerly along the Pass to a point due West of the S. W. Corner of Lot 43, Block 52 of the Plat of Revised Siesta;
>
> thence, East to the West line of Government Lot 4, Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East;
>
> thence, northerly along the West line of said Government Lot 4 to the Point of Beginning,
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> containing 0.4 acre and being in unsurveyed land between Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County."

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections being presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consummate sale of the land described in the foregoing notice to McKinlay Kantor upon payment of $100 plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from St. Lucie Lumber Company of Fort Pierce, Florida, for six months additional extension of timber lease dated March 22, 1941, authorizing removal of timber from land in Martin County which came to the State under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. Information from Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of St. Lucie Lumber Company, was that owing to labor shortage it had been impossible to cut the timber into cross-ties but Lessee was in position to cut the timber into defense material if given an extension of six months, it being agreed that bond would be extended to cover the additional six months.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees grant St. Lucie Lumber Company an additional extension of six months for taking timber from Martin County land described in said lease, provided bond attached to lease is made applicable for the extended period. Upon vote the motion was adopted and extension authorized.

Mr. Millard F. Caldwell, Attorney of Tallahassee, Florida, advised the Board that he desired to submit request from American Pearl Button Company and Stanley Gerson, Inc., with reference to lease on Dead Lakes.

Mr. Caldwell was requested to present the matter at the next meeting as it was desired to have at least four members present for considering the request.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	6/8/42	11
Bradford	6/8/42	5
Brevard	6/9/42	20
Charlotte	6/8/42	3
Dade	6/10/42	53
Duval	12/30/40	1
Franklin	5/4/42	6
Franklin	6/1/42	3
Gadsden	6/24/42	6

Hamilton	6/22/42	1
Hernando	6/2/42	10
Hernando	6/6/42	3
Hernando	6/15/42	43
Hernando	6/22/42	5
Hillsborough	6/8/42	48
Hillsborough	6/22/42	30
Lake	4/13/42	2
Lake	6/2/42	172
Lake	6/8/42	45
Lee	3/9/42	16
Marion	6/22/42	2
Martin	5/25/42	7
Martin	6/8/42	2
Martin	6/15/42	91
Osceola	6/8/42	19
Palm Beach	5/15/42	27
Putnam	6/6/42	49
Seminole	6/8/42	16
Sumter	6/8/42	29
Suwannee	6/9/42	5
Volusia	6/1/42	25
Walton	6/8/42	2
Washington	5/27/42	4

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bids accepted.

Request was presented for release of State Road right of way reservation in Suwannee County Deed No. 122 in favor of G. B. Dees, release of a portion of said right of way having been approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees release that portion of State Road Right of Way easement as approved by the State Road Department and approve for execution Suwannee County Quitclaim Deed No. 122 in favor of G. B. Dees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement through land under Chapter 18296 located in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department requested in connection with the following road:

Dade County Road No. 4—Project 5239—SRD No. 9.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed.

Mr. Elliot presented Leon County Case of Mrs. Mattie Rebecca Norman of Tallahassee, Florida, who made application June 1 to purchase land formerly owned by her in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, for which she submitted a bid of $70.00; that on June 11 Declaration of Taking was filed by the United States on the same parcel and the Trustees' agent in Leon County desires instruction as to whether or not the land should be advertised and allowed to go to sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for advice as to proper procedure. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Suwannee County Case—Mrs. Berta Ivey George of Branford—was submitted for consideration and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, was deferred for action by the full Board.

The Secretary reported that there was available $25,000 for transfer from funds under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue Fund and that warrant in such amount in favor of the State Treasurer had been requested from the Comptroller.

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$25,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 7, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Bayless presented application from the State Road Department for right of way across sovereignty land in Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 39 East—Monroe County—involving 2.07 acres required in connection with the construction of Over-Seas Highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the parcel applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $200 cash was presented from Pepper and Coffrin, Inc., for approximately two (2) acres of sovereignty land in Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the parcel applied for is a part of the area desired by the State Road Department and lies adjacent to right of way of Over-Seas Highway.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from Pepper and Coffrin, Inc., for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was submitted from John Balfe Company, holder of Lease No. 166 covering the privilege of removing rock from spoil banks in St. Johns River, requesting that the minimum royalty of $50 monthly be waived. Statement was made that very little rock had been removed since

February of this year and that they desire to pay for such material as is removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to waive monthly royalty as requested by John Balfe Company, but agree to reduction from $50 to $25 monthly, beginning as of July 1, 1942. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Joe D. Kinsey, of Sebring, Florida, on behalf of Julian Montsdoca, offering $100 for Lot 5, Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 31 East, containing 42 acres in Highlands County. Mr. Bayless reported that there had been no appraisal by the Field Agent, but the land was located on the West side of the Kissimmee River and was mostly marshy.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on application from Joe D. Kinsey until appraisal could be made by the Field Agent and report submitted to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer of $20 from Leonard B. Newman of Titusville, on behalf of M. H. Poe, for the purchase of sovereignty land in Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, Brevard County, containing approximately 1 acre in Indian River. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $11,180.95 was presented from D. V. Palmer of Wampsville, New York, for 821.42 acres of State land in Sections 14, 15, 22 and 23, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Information from Mr. Bayless was that the offer was in line with appraisal by the Field Agent; that applicant held grazing lease on 608.01 acres of the land, expiring April 15, 1944, on a rental basis of twenty-five cents an acre annually, and the remaining 213.41 acres was leased to C. W. O'Berry till July 17, 1946 at a rental price of fifteen cents an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for sale at competitive bids based on offer of $11,180.95 from D. V. Palmer. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for competitive bids.

Application was presented from M. H. Segnitz of Miami Beach, Florida, offering five cents an acre for release of oil and mineral rights retained by the State in approximately 40,000 acres of land in the southern part of Dade County owned by Mr. Segnitz and associates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Segnitz for release of oil and mineral rights and that Mr. Bayless be directed to inform applicant that the Trustees were not interested in releasing the rights held. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was submitted from Mrs. Lillian Jeffries of Miami, Florida, for exchange of lands owned by her for State lands, both ownerships being in Township 45 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. Exchange desired was Section 1 for Section 3 and Section 12 for Section 11, for the purpose of blocking up her holdings with a view to sale.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land was in an undeveloped area and appeared to be of the same value.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the proposed exchange be tentatively approved and, upon favorable report from Mr. Bayless as to the lands being of equal value, adjustment of taxes, etc., that the exchange be consummated. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter referred to Mr. Bayless for examination and report.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $250 from Foremost Properties, Inc., Penny Farms, Florida, for the SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 36, Township 7, South, Range 24 East, and NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 24 East, Putnam County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $250 for the land applied for by Foremost Properties, Inc., on the ground that the price was too low. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

A. R. Richardson, on behalf of R. E. Kurtz of Fort Myers, offered $600 for Tract 20 of Section 23, Township

44 South, Range 36 East, containing 19.38 acres in Palm Beach County. Mr. Bayless submitted the offer and furnished information that the land was sold in 1919 to W. L. Adams at a price of $50 an acre. Payments were not made on the purchase and in 1939 the mortgage was foreclosed but Mr. Adams was not made a party to the suit as all available information was that he was deceased. It later developed that Mr. Adams was alive, and the offer submitted was subject to any outstanding claim.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the offer from Mr. Kurtz be declined. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $1200 was submitted from Jeel Geohagan of Jasper, Florida, for timber on Fractional SW¼ of Section 5, Township 1, South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $1200 for the timber on land in Suwannee County described above. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Mayo reported that R. L. Braddock of Belle Glade, Florida, had leased approximately 1200 acres of land located in Sections 32 and 33, Township 44 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County; that he was not delinquent in payments but had not planted the grasses called for under terms of the lease for the reason that he had been experimenting with different grasses in order to determine which would be the most desirable for pasturage, and had now found a grass that would stay green through the winter; that Mr. Braddock was requesting waiver of the condition as to time limit for planting grass, assuring the Board that by the end of another year the full 1200 acres would be planted in accordance with terms of the lease.

Information was furnished that the lease granted Mr. Braddock in 1940 called for 600 acres to be planted in grass by the end of one year and at the end of two years the entire area to be planted.

Upon discussion, Mr. Mayo recommended that planting condition in the lease be waived and an additional year allowed for completion of planting provision.

Mr. Larson moved that Mr. Mayo's recommendation be accepted and that an additional year be allowed for planting grass required under terms of the lease. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted.

Mr. Braddock, who was present, stated that he believed he had developed a grass that would stand the cold and that he would be able to plant about 500 acres this season.

Mr. Millard F. Caldwell, representing American Pearl Button Company and Stanley Gerson, came before the Trustees in connection with Mussel Shell lease granted his clients January 6, 1942, covering the Dead Lakes area. Mr. Caldwell stated that his clients had furnished bond in amount of $1000 as required and had performed all other things called for in the lease to this date; that based on operations to date they were convinced that there was not sufficient mussel shell in the Dead Lakes to justify proceeding with the lease and desired to be released therefrom.

Further statement was that the Company had taken about forty (40) tons of an inferior grade of shell; that considerable shell was dead from being covered with silt and no propagation was going on in such places.

Attorney for Lessees requested that his client's bond be returned and that they be released from all obligations in connection with the lease.

Considerable discussion was had as to the above request, resulting in opinion by the Trustees that it would be worth while to have examination made of shell conditions, for arriving at some conclusion as to supply of shell available, expense of such investigation to be paid from money received on account of the Lease. Mr. Larson suggested that lease might be suspended pending completion of the investigation.

Further information was that there had been a contract entered into between Lessees and Dickens and Shirey providing for payment to the latter of $3 per ton for all shell removed.

Mr. Caldwell suggested that it would be desirable to have a man experienced in the button industry to make the investigation for the reason that a person not familiar with requirements for button shell would be unable to submit a report applicable in the present instance.

Mr. Mayo suggested that Mr. Gunter, State Geologist, might be a proper person to proceed with the investigation.

Also Mr. Rice, Conservation Officer, or Dr. Kennedy of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, were mentioned to assist in the examination.

Mr. Watson suggested that some person be mentioned, other than one of those involved in the contract whereby $3 per ton was to be paid as above.

The Governor suggested that the Trustees might defer penalty provision of the lease and ask Mr. Rice to contact local property owners as to their point of view of the situation.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the entire matter be placed in the hands of Mr. Mayo, authorizing use of moneys received to date from the lease for defraying expenses, and that a report be made to the Trustees for such action as they considered proper. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless submitted letter from C. M. Linton of Blountstown, Florida, in which offer of $5 an acre was made for quitclaim deed to 7 acres of Sovereignty land in Gulf County lying between Government Meander Lot No. 1, Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, and the average high water mark of Dead Lakes. The land was further described as being all that part of the NE¼ of Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 10 West, lying West of the Chipola River.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $5 an acre for quitclaim deed to the land applied for by Mr. Linton. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Governor Holland read a letter from Mr. A. E. Freel of Chipley, relating to Exploration Contract granted his company Oct. 4, 1941, wherein request was made for invoking the provisions of paragraph 6 on page 7 of Contract to suspend operations account of the war. Also resolution prepared by the Attorney General covering the request was presented.

Mr. Watson stated he thought the Company was entitled to some suspension of operations in the areas from which they were excluded by the War Department and in the event of other restricted areas that suspension of operations should also be granted. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Florida Land and Exploration, Inc., assignee of the A. E. Freel Exploration Contract dated October 4, 1941, has applied to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for permission to suspend operations under said exploration contract as of June 4, 1942, as provided in Paragraph 6, page 7 of said contract; and

WHEREAS, it appears by communications from Colonel A. V. Rinearson, 13th Coast Artillery, Commanding Officer, that geophysical or other crews will not be allowed within any established military or restricted area during the war, but that it is impossible at this time to foretell when or where the establishment of such areas or the alterations of existing areas will be required by the existing military situation; and

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the Trustees that the Florida Land and Exploration, Inc., has furnished said Trustees with reports concerning its exploration work under said contract to the present time, but may be unable to continue with such exploration work in certain territory covered by its exploration contract by reason of military restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the said The Florida Land and Exploration, Inc., will be permitted and authorized to suspend exploration work under said contract on specified territory from which it is specifically excluded by military authority, upon due proof to the Trustees of such exclusion from said territory, and the delay occasioned by such suspension of explorations shall not be counted against the time required in said contract for completing the exploration thereunder.

Mr. Watson informed the Board that he had also received letter from Mr. J. Ray Arnold, making similar request to that from Mr. Freel for suspension on account of restrictions by the War Department, but that he had not shown that operations in the area leased to him merited consent of the Trustees to such suspension.

Upon motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the Trustees directed that Mr. Arnold be notified that under showing made by him the Board did not consider him entitled to suspension of operations.

Mr. Bayless presented the following bids submitted to the Trustees June 30th, pursuant to advertisement for competitive bids on 1620 acres of land in Sections 15, 23 and 27 of Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County:

J. E. Beardsley:

Land West of Canal in Section 27	$ 5.00	an acre
Land East of Canal in Section 27	6.00	an acre
All Section 23	10.00	an acre
Land East of Canal in Section 15	12.00	an acre

J. Edgar Hamilton:

Land West of Canal in Section 27	$ 6.00	an acre
Land West of Canal in Section 15	12.50	an acre

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offers from J. E. Beardsley and J. Edgar Hamilton for the Palm Beach County land be declined, it being the opinion of the Board that the prices were to low. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $99.50 from Bertha M. Register for deed to the NE¼ of NE¼ of SW¼, Less Canal Right of Way, Section 6, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, which land came to the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931. Information was that the land, covered by Everglades Tax Certificate No. 4197 of 1927, was included in condemnation proceedings instituted by the United States and that former owner was desirous of clearing Everglades Drainage District tax certificate in order to deal with the Government; that amount offered represents the interest of the Trustees in the land, plus cancelled back certificates through 1940, and plus 1941 Everglades taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $99.50 from Bertha M. Register for deed to the land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	6/22/42	9
Broward	6/15/42	195
DeSoto	6/29/42	2
Jefferson	6/8/42	22
Okeechobee	6/25/42	1
St. Johns	6/10/42	14

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bids approved.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for easement involving right of way over Lots 4 to 11, Block 171, City of Remados—Volusia County—desired in connection with State Road No. 21, Project 5055.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize easement for right of way in favor of the State Road Department across lots applied for in the City of Remados, Volusia County, Florida. Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement ordered executed.

Mr. Elliot read from S. S. Savage, Field Agent, covering trespass on land under Chapter 18296 in Putnam County, the particular violations being the cutting of timber and turpentine operations on land owned by the State.

Suggestion was made by the Secretary that the Trustees collect the amount of value of the turpentine based on the number of cups, and the value of timber removed based on report of Mr. Savage.

Mr. Watson moved that the matter be left in the hands of Mr. Elliot to pursue recovery with authorization to accept value of turpentine and timber. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the value of the timber be placed at $10 per thousand and the turpentine at ten cents (10c) per cup per annum.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mr. Elliot authorized to proceed with collection for trepass.

Mr. Elliot asked if he might consider the above action to cover other instances of trespass on Murphy Act lands which were continually coming up, but it was agreed that each instance should be submitted to the Trustees for such action as considered proper.

The case of Mrs. Mattie Rebecca Norman of Tallahassee, Florida, was presented to the Trustees with information that she had made application to purchase Murphy Act land formerly owned by her in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County, and had deposited a bid of $70; that subsequent to her application Declaration of Taking was filed by the United States covering the property involved; that action is now desired as to whether or not partly completed sale should be consummated in order that Mrs. Norman might receive award under the Government's condemnation proceedings.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that sale be consummated in favor of Mrs. Norman conveying the land formerly owned by her in Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Edward Morgan of Tampa, Florida, submitted a proposition to the Trustees in connection with Murphy Act lands. He stated that there were certain condemnation suits brought for public roads, air bases, housing projects, and various other agencies, title to which condemned property had vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937; that the State was not made party to these suits and the awards would be made by the United States to the former owners and they would receive the money; that he had definite information of cases where money had been paid to former owner when it should have been paid to the State, all equity of such former owner having been lost under the Murphy Act. Mr. Morgan stated that he would like to be employed to make investigations of cases of this kind on a percentage basis based on amounts collected as a result of his investigations and information furnished to the Trustees by him.

Attorney General Watson recommended that an agreement be entered into with Mr. Morgan and suggested that such information as Mr. Morgan might procure be filed with the Attorney General, whereupon that office would proceed to take the necessary steps in the premises.

Motion was made that the Trustees accept the proposal of Mr. Morgan to assist the State in recovering its equity in Murphy Act lands which had been taken and appropriated by condemnation proceedings of the United States, for which the State had not received compensation, under arrangements by which Mr. Morgan would receive 25% of the first $10,000 and 12½% per cent of all other moneys collected based on information furnished by him, working through the Attorney General's office, with the understanding that all payments would be on a contingent basis under approval of the Attorney General; that no payments would be made Mr. Morgan except upon receipt of moneys by the Trustees. Motion was seconded and upon vote duly adopted. The Attorney General was requested to prepare the proper contract for execution.

Mr. Elliot submitted telegram from J. L. McMullen, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, and President of the County Clerk's Association, asking that action be taken by Trustees on request made by the Clerks for reduction to 10% of the 1932 assessed value as base bid on remaining Murphy Act lands.

Mr. Larson stated he believed this policy to be not desirable; that if such reduction be made it should be submitted under the Special Case procedure now followed by the Trustees for lower base bid.

Governor Holland expressed it as his opinion that if a reduction was made of the base bid on a certain character of land, it might be considered that such reduction was applicable to all lands and thereby cause confusion; that he also believed it better to continue under the Special Case rule heretofore adopted.

Mr. Watson moved that the request from the County Clerk's Association for fixing 10% of the 1932 assessed value as base bid be denied, but where it was felt the case merited the 10% base bid it should be taken up with the Trustees in the manner as heretofore outlined. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 13, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees met in special session for the purpose of considering subjects in connection with Everglades Drainage District.

The Secretary informed the Board that the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District had requested conveyance to the District of right of ways held by the Trustees. He explained that the Trustees hold right of ways through purchase of the land, through reservations for canal right of ways in deeds of conveyance from Trustees to individuals and outright ownership by the State of land bordering canals in the District.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly carried, that the following Resolution be adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District was created by Chapter 6456, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1913, and by said Act and acts subsequent thereto was vested with rights, duties and obligations concerning the affairs of Evergades Drainage District and was charged with the construction, operation and maintenance of the drainage works of said District and is authorized to acquire and hold right of ways therefor, and

WHEREAS, prior to 1913 the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, in connection with drainage operations then being carried on by them in the Everglades, had acquired in their name certain right of ways for drainage canals, and both prior and subsequent thereto have made reservations in deeds executed by them, which said reservations were for canal purposes, and said Trustees also hold land through or on which canals and other drainage works of the Everglades are located, and

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District has requested the said Trustees to convey to said District right of ways held by said Trustees for canal purposes in said District, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that there be conveyed to Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District by proper instruments:

FIRST: All right of ways acquired by said Trustees through deeds or other instruments held by them and that such transfer shall be by the same description and under the same conditions as set forth in said deeds to said Trustees, and that said deeds be relinquished and delivered to Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as evidence of the kind of title or right which the Trustees had in said land.

SECOND: The right to reservations for canal purposes reserved by said Trustees in the sale of land heretofore made by them along or through any land occupied by any drainage works of said District and by such conveyance serve the purposes for which said reservations were made.

THIRD: Right of ways through all land held by said Trustees which is traversed or occupied by any works of said District to the standard width of 260 feet, lying 130 feet on each side of the center line of any canal or other drainage works, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the right of ways herein provided to be granted shall include any rights which the said Trustees may have in any structure, spoil bank, or other property or thing thereon, now devoted to the public use of said District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to any permit or right of way heretofore granted by said Trustees to the United States, to the State Road Department, to any County, to any Municipality or other public agency, to any railroad, or any public service corporation, or to any person, firm or corporation, which said permits and right of ways are secondary to the rights of the District, where the same are located within any right of ways conveyed by Trustees to said District and which may affect any drainage works or their operations, all of said permits and right of way grants shall remain in effect except for violations of the conditions thereof, and the exercise by permittee or grantee of rights conveyed, hereafter shall be subject to and under the jurisdiction of Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees proceed with as much dispatch as practicable to prepare legal descriptions of right of ways hereby authorized to be granted, and to execute and deliver to Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District such instruments as may be necessary in the premises.

Mr. Elliot reported that by virtue of Everglades Drainage Tax sale certificates, the Trustees hold land, title to which vested in them under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931; that the certificates were transferred and assigned by Everglades Drainage District to the Trustees in 1931 in part settlement of the debt owed the Trustees by the District; that the act provides that the lands shall be administered and sold as other lands of the Fund; that these certificated lands were certified among others in 1932 and subsequent years to Everglades Drainage District for imposition of taxes, but in some counties the Clerks of the Circuit Courts had erroneously sold into private ownership certificates covering some of these lands. Mr. Elliot recommended that action be taken, outlining procedure which he suggested in the sale of tax certificate lands under Chapter 14717.

Based on memorandum furnished each member of the Trustees by the Secretary setting forth suggestions for handling sales, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following be adopted as the procedure to be followed in the sale of such lands:

> RE: SALE OF LAND HELD BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BY VIRTUE OF EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT TAX SALE CERTIFICATES UNDER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14717, ACTS OF 1931.

BASIS:

TO FORMER OWNER:	Amount paid by Trustees for certificate in 1931 under Chapter 14717; plus amount of Everglades Drainage District taxes paid by Trustees under Chapter 20658 for 1941 and subsequent year or years; plus amount to cancel back taxes on the basis of two years current taxes for 1941 as provided by said Chapter 20658.
TO PERSONS OTHER THAN FORMER OWNER:	Best price obtainable for the land—not less than twice rate to former owner.

If area comprises more than 320 acres, advertisement of sale required, purchaser to pay cost.

In the event the amount required for full payment does not exceed $100.00, full cash payment required.

If in excess of $100.00, but not over $500.00, not less than $100.00 cash, balance $100.00 quarterly until paid.

If in excess of $500.00, but not over $1,000.00, not less than $150.00 cash, balance $150.00 quarterly until paid.

If in excess of $1,000.00, not less than $200.00 cash, balance $200.00 quarterly until paid.

Last payment, if less than the quarterly amount, to be for the balance due.

Interest on deferred payments to be at the rate of 4% per annum.

Delivery of deed to be upon completion of payments.

No muck, earth, stone, timber, or other things of value shall be removed from the land prior to completion of payment and execution of deed to Grantee.

No deed for less than $10.00.

Further in reference to lands, title to which vested in the Trustees under Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, the Secretary reported that there were two classes of certificates as follows:

1. Those in which the Trustees have no interest except that arising out of tax sale certificates retained.
2. Those for which the Trustees hold purchase money mortgage or other interest in addition to that arising out of tax sale certificates.

Recommendation was made that sale of land covered by certificates under Classification 1 be proceeded with on the basis as set forth in the foregoing schedule; that those covered by Classification 2 be retained by the Trustees pending final payment of the land, whereupon the purchaser should acquire title of the Trustees arising out of the certificates; that should title under tax sale certificates not be acquired then the land could be sold as other land under such certificates. Also in reference to 2, in cases where the Trustees re-possessed the land through mortgage foreclosure, the certificates covering the repossessed land should be cancelled and proper entry made in order to clear title to the land from such certificates.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the recommendations of the Secretary be adopted as the action of the Trustees and that Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates indicated under classes "1" and "2" be handled in the manner outlined by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees had under consideration proposal submitted by by A. R. Richardson March 18, 1941, for sale of Everglades Tax certificate land title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931, which proposal was never consummated. On this subject information was that Mr. Richardson was of the opinion that he would fix the price for which these lands should be sold and that he alone would have the right to make sales—that the Trustees themselves would make no sales.

Upon discussion of the proposal from Mr. Richardson, it was the opinion of the Trustees that in view of the resolutions adopted herein it would not be feasible to enter into contract on the basis desired by Mr. Richardson. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Mr. Richardson be advised that his proposal could not be carried through in view of the action here taken, providing for disposition of certificated lands, but that consideration would be given to any further proposal he desired to submit. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary having furnished each member of the Trustees with copy of report dated February 9, 1942, on the subject of Drainage taxes on State lands, the report was read in full. The following subjects were handled separately with suggestions as to method of handling by legislative action at the next session:

Everglades Drainage District taxes on I. I. Fund land.
Everglades Drainage District taxes on Indian Reservation.
Drainage District taxes in general.
Status of Swamp and Overflowed Lands.
Equity of State School Fund in these lands.

General discussion was had on the subjects embodied in the report, with suggestion from the Attorney General that a committee be appointed of two members of the Trustees to work with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Bayless for formulating a legislative program to be presented at the next session of the legislature.

The Governor suggested that since the subjects embodied in the report were very important and could not be disposed of in a short time, that action be deferred and that each member study the report with a view to submitting suggestions at a later meeting. The suggestion was approved as the action of the Board.

The Secretary reported that with reference to Sales' Contracts, used by the Trustees in the sale of State lands, it is provided that in addition to purchase payments under the contract payment schedule, the contract purchaser is required to pay to Trustees annually an amount equal to all taxes required to be paid on the land by said Trustees; that during the past ten years amounts for Everglades

Drainage District taxes have been omitted from such payments, principally because litigation involving Everglades Drainage District taxes has made it impossible to accurately ascertain the proper amount, however, Everglades Drainage District taxes can now be ascertained for the years omitted. It was recommended that there be collected from contract purchasers amounts paid by Trustees as Everglades Drainage District taxes as follows:

> Taxes paid by Trustees for the year 1941. Delinquent taxes to and including 1940 on the basis of two years taxes at the 1941 tax rate, which is the schedule applicable to land owners as set forth in Chapter 20658.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of the Secretary outlined above as the action of the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was carried and so ordered, and the Land Clerk was directed to make such adjustments on Contracts now in force.

The Governor suggested that the Trustees be furnished with report from the Land Office and the Secretary's office as to the amount of land under contract and the amount of installment payments being made and delinquent contracts, also information such as:

1. Land owned by the Trustees in Everglades Drainage District by zones.
2. Land owned in different subdrainage districts.
3. Total tax burden to the State in subdrainage districts as shown by last tax statements.

Suggestions by the Governor were concurred in by other members and adopted.

The Secretary reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees June 29, 1942, there had been turned over to Everglades Drainage District cash and bonds held by the State Treasurer and certificates of indebtedness and cancelled note of Everglades Drainage District held in the office of the Secretary of the Trustees and the following acknowledgments were filed with the Trustees:

Tallahassee, Florida,
June 30, 1942.

Honorable J. Edwin Larson,
State Treasurer for State of Florida,
Capitol,
Tallahassee, Florida.

Dear Mr. Larson:

Delivery by you and receipt by the undersigned, K. M. Throop, as Treasurer of the Everglades Drainage District, is acknowledged this 30th day of June, 1942, of the following:

(1) State Treasurer's Check No. 3054, dated June 30, 1942, drawn on West Palm Beach Atlantic National Bank, West Palm Beach, Florida, and payable to the order of K. M. Throop, as Treasurer of Everglades Drainage District, in the amount of $55,319.81, said check being in payment in accordance with paragraph 8 of the Order of Honorable Paul D. Barns, Circuit Judge, entered in the case of W. O. Lassiter, etc., Plaintiff, vs. Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, et al, Defendants, in Chancery No. 48607-D before the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, said order being entered February 18, 1941, as appears recorded in Chancery Order Book 572, page 230, of the office of the Clerk of said Court. Said check of $55,319.81 is in payment of the sum of $54,980.49, the amount so mentioned in said order, and the sum of $339.32 as additional accumulated interest on said sum as therein mentioned.

(2) All bonds and coupons as described in Schedules III and VI attached to and made a part of said order above referred to, and as described in paragraphs 5 and 6 of said order, all more particularly referred to in paragraph 12 of said order. All of said bonds and coupons are more particularly described by date, numbers, interest rate and amount, in lists thereof attached hereto and made a part of this Receipt, identified by the signature of K. M. Throop, as Treasurer of the Everglades Drainage District.

Delivery and receipt of said bonds and coupons is acknowledged with the mutual and express understanding that the same shall be delivered to the Eleventh Judicial

Circuit Court in and for Dade County, Florida, as described by Paragraph 12 of said above mentioned Order.

Very truly yours,
K. M. THROOP (Signed)
As Treasurer for Everglades
Drainage District.

RECEIPT: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF FLORIDA

In pursuance of Section 17 of Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, and in consideration of the cancellation of Everglades Drainage District taxes on lands of the Internal Improvement Fund in said district, down to and including those for the year 1940, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund having heretofore surrendered and delivered to Everglades Drainage District all bonds and bond coupons of Everglades Drainage District held by said Trustees, and the Trustees now having delivered to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District the following:

Certificate Nos.	Date	Face Value	Total
31 to 1000 both Incl.	Sept. 21, 1931	$1,000.00	$970,000.00
1001 and 1002	Sept. 21, 1931	1,000.00	2,000.00
1003	Oct. 23, 1931	15,422.85	15,422.85
1004	Nov. 12, 1931	79.48	79.48
1005	Nov. 16, 1931	879.95	879.95
1006	Nov. 30, 1931	4,126.19	4,126.19
GRAND TOTAL			$992,508.47

ALSO:

NOTE: Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated June 28, 1930, in amount of $300,000.00.

Receipt of the items as listed is hereby acknowledged by:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT
By J. E. BEARDSLEY (Signed)
General Manager.

It was ordered that the foregoing papers be filed with the Secretary.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adojurned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor-Chairman.

Attest: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 14, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Minutes of the Trustees dated May 19, 26, June 16, 23, 29 and 30, 1942, be adopted. Upon vote the motion was carried and so ordered.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $300 from Bryan Harrison of Jasper, Florida, for the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 24 East, Hamilton County. Statement was made that applicants had been working the land for turpentine for the past eighteen (18) years, thinking they owned the property and only recently learned it was State land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the land applied for by Mr. Harrison be sold to him at a price of $300.00, the offer being slightly higher than appraisal by Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees deny request from W. T. Edwards for lease on Lake Miccosukee for pasturage purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the application denied.

Mr. Bayless presented offers from United States Sugar Corporation for State land in Palm Beach County as follows:

> $25 an acre for that part of Section 11, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, lying North and East of the West Palm Beach Canal—18.62 acres—and
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> $20 an acre for that part of the S½ of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, lying East of Miami Canal—38 acres.

The Board was of the opinion that the price offered was too low for the land, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline offer from United States Sugar Corporation but submit a counter proposal to sell the land at $75 an acre for the first parcel of 18.62 acres and $30 an acre for second parcel of 38 acres. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk authorized to submit counter proposal.

Mr. Edgar Hamilton of West Palm Beach, Florida, presented an offer of $20 an acre for 274.70 acres of State land, being that part lying West of Miami Canal in the S½ of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $20 an acre submitted by Mr. Hamilton for the land described in Palm Beach County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $39.18 was submitted from Charles A. Dick and Dorothy C. Dick to purchase Lots 21 and 22 of Block 1, Monroe Heights, Palm Beach County.

Information was furnished that title to the land came to the State through foreclosure by the County under Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929, and that Master's Deed issued August 7, 1939, sets up taxes, fees and expenses as $76.71. However that the Board of County Commissioners, in an effort to get the lands back on the tax roll, adopted a resolution obligating itself to pay the pro rata share of the Master's fee, attorney's fees and other costs, agreeing to accept 25 per cent of the County's share of taxes foreclosed; the State to receive full payment for its equity, $5 for Trustees' deed and $5 for release of statutory reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $39.18 for Lots 21 and 22, Block 1, applied for by Charles A. Dick and wife, with distribution to be made as set forth above, and that the offer of $5 for release of statutory reservations be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds covering sale, also release of reservations, were ordered prepared for execution.

Letter was presented from Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce further with reference to access to Lake Jackson and information was that roads were available with the exception of an entry from State Road No. 1. It was also requested that no grazing leases be granted around Lake Jackson without opportunity for the sportsmen in this section to be heard.

Recommendation from the Secretary was that upon application from Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, the Trustees grant permit to said Board to erect such fences with cattle guards and gates as the Board deems necessary at what is known as State Highway No. 1—Lake Jackson Crossing—and by such arrangements provide access to the waters of Lake Jackson. Also that the exercise of rights granted under the permit shall not interfere with use by the State Road Department of such areas as may be in or required for right of ways for State Road No. 1 at and adjacent to said crossing.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the recommendations from the Secretary be adopted and upon receipt of application from the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County that permit be issued carrying the conditions as outlined in the recommendation. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize payment of sub-drainage district taxes on State land located in South Florida Conservancy District, Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and Pahokee Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the following bills amounting to $19,017.12

were ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for warrants to be drawn in payment therefor:

South Florida Conservancy District, Belle Glade, Florida— Drainage Taxes on lands owned by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the year 1941	$10,749.62
Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District, Canal Point, Florida— Drainage taxes on lands owned by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the year 1941	3,560.09
Pahokee Drainage District, Canal Point, Florida— Drainage taxes on lands owned by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the year 1941	4,707.41
	$19,017.12

Mr. Mayo called to the attention of the Board the request from Palmetex Corporation presented to the Trustees May 12, and by them referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Larson, Mayo and F. C. Elliot.

Upon discussion of the subject it was ascertained that at least one other company was interested in securing palmetto roots from State lands and it was thought best to not authorize permit to one company over all lands owned by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Palmetex Corporation for taking saw palmetto roots from State owned land in Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties to be used in filling defense contracts for the United States, such permit to be without consideration except provision for condition of the land after removal of the roots. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Land Clerk directed to notify Palmetex Corporation of action taken.

Financial Statements for the month of June, 1942, are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$10,681.80	
Land Sale—Sarasota Co.—Chapter 14572	165.00	
Land Sale—Palm Beach County—Chapter 14572, including Oil and Mineral Rights	114.25	
Farm Leases	3,921.49	
Sand and Shell Leases	883.11	
Grazing Lease	288.00	
Timber Leases	844.49	
Rock Lease	75.00	
Stamp Box Accumulation	9.00	
Fishing Campsite	45.00	
Refund of Court Cost	50.11	
Reimbursement A/c Advt. Cost—Land Gulf County	21.00	
Total Receipts for June 1942	$17,098.25	$ 17,098.25
Balance as of June 1, 1942		171,859.16
GRAND TOTAL		$188,957.41
Less Disbursements for June, 1942		2,948.99
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1942		$186,008.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
June 30,	295797	F. Elgin Bayless	$ 97.35
	295798	S. S. Savage	135.07
	295799	E. B. Savage	32.42
	295800	J. R. Bullock, A. A. G.	20.55
	295801	W. B. Granger	20.20
	295802	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
	295803	Elmer Burgess	24.38
	295804	J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C.	42.50
	295805	Roy R. Caruthers, C. C. C.	20.00
	295806	L. R. Baker	1.20

295807	Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C.	20.00
294896	F. C. Elliot	400.00
294897	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
294898	M. O. Barco	175.00
294899	Jentye Dedge	175.00
294900	H. L. Shearer	50.00
294901	S. S. Savage	200.00
294902	J. B. Lee	10.00
294903	E. B. Savage	80.00
294904	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	2.95
300506	J. Edwin, Larson, S. T.	1,164.82

Total Disbursements for the Month of June, 1942 .... $2,948.99

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1942

Balance on hand as of June 1, 1942	$24,557.00
Receipts for the month	26,516.42
GRAND TOTAL	$51,073.42
Less Disbursements	46,756.77
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JUNE 30, 1942	$ 4,316.65

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
June 30,	276121	J. Edwin Larson S. T.	$20,000.00
	294905	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	294906	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	294907	Helen Phillips	150.00
	294908	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	294909	John C. Moore	148.13
	294910	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	294911	M. O. Barco	25.00
	294912	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	294913	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	294914	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79
	299656	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	25,000.00
	300123	Lloyd Bass	20.00

300124	City of Palmetto	362.00
300125	Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C.	25.00
300126	Phil P. Toale	24.00
300345	Western Union Tel. Co.	3.27
300346	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	.96
300347	Merritt Brown Co.	5.26
300348	Burroughs Adding Mach. Co.	14.60
300349	Capital Office Equipment Co.	8.50
300350	Cincinnati Office Supply Co.	38.70
300351	C. B. McKinnon	67.50
300352	Rose Printing Co.	1.00
300353	Jos. E. Gillen, A. A. G.	5.50
300354	Fred M. Burns, A. A. G.	21.45
300355	Millard B. Conklin	34.03

Total Disbursements for the Month of June, 1942 ....$46,756.77

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

Financial Statement for the Month of June, 1942

RECEIPTS

June 1, 1942—Balance $2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

June 30, 1942—Balance $2,895.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Letter from the Attorney General, presented to the Trustees July 13, and deferred for consideration at this meeting, was brought up for discussion. The point on which the Attorney General especially requested action was whether or not the Trustees desired dismissal of a suit filed by the Attorney General in Santa Rosa County enjoining the sale of Murphy Act land for non-payment of ad valorem taxes assessed for the purpose of retiring outstanding bonds; that if not dismissed he wanted authority to amend the Bill of Complaint so as to make the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the complainant and proceed to final decree. The Attorney General stated that such suit would determine the question of whether or not Murphy Act lands should be extended on the tax rolls and taxes collected thereon, and that he would like to see the question decided. The Governor and Commissioner of Agriculture also expressed a desire to have the question of an assessment of taxes against Murphy Act lands determined.

Assistant Attorney General Joe Gillen was called in to make report on the filing of the suit, having been designated by the Attorney General to handle the case. His report was that upon information from the Secretary of the Trustees that Murphy Act lands were being advertised for sale by the Tax Collector of Santa Rosa County, he was instructed by the Attorney General to take the necessary action to enjoin the sale, which he did with the result that a temporary restraining order was entered by one of the Circuit Judges of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, and that is the status of the case at this time.

Comptroller Lee informed the Board that if he had had knowledge of the pending sale it would not have been necessary for any Court action and should the Santa Rosa County suit be dismissed, assured the Board that the lands would not be sold for taxes. The Governor asked if the suit as filed was appropriate to bring out the issues necessary to determine the status of the lands. The Attorney General stated that he felt it was and that a final determination would decide whether or not the lands under the Murphy Act were liable for a bonded debt.

The Comptroller was of the opinion that the suit was not appropriate to settle the issues involved and stated that he would not approve continuance of the case, but made a motion that the Santa Rosa County case be dismissed. The motion was lost for lack of second.

The Governor suggested that the questions involved being matters pertaining particularly to the offices of the Attorney General and Comptroller, that the two State officers discuss the question and submit their views to the Trustees at an early meeting. The Governor's suggestion was concurred in by the Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	7/10/42	1
Clay	6/20/42	5
Duval	6/24/42	52
Escambia	6/20/42	7
Flagler	7/6/42	1
Gadsden	7/2/42	1
Hillsborough	7/7/42	60
Jefferson	7/6/42	3
Lee	5/18/42	21
Leon	7/6/42	5
Manatee	7/6/42	16
Martin	5/25/42	7
Martin	6/29/42	2
Monroe	7/7/42	33
Okeechobee	7/2/42	2
Palm Beach	6/12/42	27
Pasco	7/7/42	14
Polk	5/29/42	66
Sarasota	6/8/42	6
Sarasota	7/6/42	17
St. Lucie	7/6/42	7
Suwannee	5/4/42	6

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Lee moved that the bids listed be accepted subject to payment of the 1941 taxes on the land.

Discussion was had on motion of Mr. Lee, the Attorney General being of the opinion that such action might entail litigation as State lands are not subject to taxes. The Governor was of the opinion that since the bids were made without knowledge of requirement for payment of taxes, it would be necessary to amend the rules and regulations adopted by the Board. It was his suggestion that the Comptroller examine the rules and regulations now in force and submit to the Trustees at the next meeting a recommendation for changing the rules to include his motion. The motion of the Comptroller not having been seconded, no action was taken.

Request was submitted for correction deed in favor of Ruby Sutton, original Holmes County Deed No. 64 having erroneously given the name as Mary Sutton.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of Holmes County Correction Deed No. 64 in favor of Ruby Sutton, thereby correcting error in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and correction deed ordered executed and delivered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Polk County, desired in connection with Road No. 8A.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department in connection with the following road:

Polk County Road No. 8A—Project 275-A (3110)
—SRD No. 85

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from P. P. Speer, Recorder for the City of Arcadia, that the Trustees reconsider action taken with reference to bid of $25 from the City for the Golf Course property.

No motion was made for re-opening the case, but upon suggestion of the State Treasurer the Trustees directed that either Mr. Bayless or Mr. Savage, on their first trip down in that section make an investigation and report to the Trustees the conditions with recommendation as to value of the property.

Letter was presented from Mr. G. D. Bogue, City Manager of Palatka, Florida, notifying the Trustees that houses located on Lots 7 and 8, Block 261 and Lots 9 and 10, Block 291, in the City of Palatka would be torn down and removed unless the Trustees could show cause why such steps should not be taken, the City Commission having adopted a resolution declaring the houses a nuisance and a menace to public safety. Information was that title to the lots came to the State under Chapter 18296 and that the City of Palatka also held liens on the lots.

It was the order of the Trustees that the letter be filed as information.

Presented to the Trustees as information was letter from Mr. A. V. S. Smith of DeLand to Governor Holland, reporting certain practices with reference to land sales under Chapter 18296, with special reference to timber lands and agreement among speculators to not bid against each other.

The Trustees directed that the letter be answered and filed for information.

The Secretary presented to the Trustees Monroe County case involving issuance of two deeds on one parcel of land, erroneous sale having been held on account of two descriptions for the same land.

Information was furnished that Deed No. 211 was issued to Jerome Perez on June 27, 1940, and on October 25, 1940, Deed No. 224 was issued to Stanley Key covering the same parcel; that an attempt was made by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County to adjust the difference and correct the error but Mr. Key refused to cooperate with him. It was recommended that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for decision.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Monroe County case of Perez and Key be referred to the Attorney General for examination and disposition. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Attorney Clyde E. Mayhall of Marianna, representing Mrs. Mable Kirkland of Chipley, Florida, presented the case of Jackson County land sale involving property formerly owned by Mrs. Kirkland, and submitted the following information:

> ''Lots 1 and 3, Block 24, Kings Addition to Graceville, sold February 9, 1942, to W. C. McNutt at a price of $417.50. Mrs. Kirkland did not received notice of the proposed sale but later learned of such sale and filed protest in affidavit form; that since the death of her husband in 1935 she has requested from the Tax Collector of Jackson County the amount of taxes due on her property each year and sent check in amount of statement rendered, thinking she was paying on the two lots on which her home was located as well as on the six other lots in the same Addition; that since sale to Mr. McNutt it has developed that the home property was assessed to unknown and taxes not paid thereon; that the assessed value on the six lots

was evidence that the Tax Assessor was considering the six lots as improved property and the two other lots as unimproved, which would seem to indicate that the assessment was in error."

Upon discussion of the case the question came up as to whether or not there might have been some irregularity or confusion in assessing the two parcels of land in view of the higher value placed on the unimproved lots as compared with that on the improved property. Also correspondence with the Clerk and statements from Mr. Mayhall indicating that the Clerk's efforts to arrange an adjustment between Mr. McNutt and Mrs. Kirkland had failed, it was suggested that it might be proper to have the State Auditing Department examine the records and submit report thereof to the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that delivery of Jackson County Deed No. 176 in favor of W. C. McNutt be held up pending examination of the records, and that the State Auditor be requested to have such examination made and report to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Three applications were presented from the War Department of the United States for leases covering land, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

LEE COUNTY—For Flexible Gunnery School, Moving Target Range

In Sections 14, 24 and 26, Township 45 South, Range 25 East; also

In Section 2, Township 46 South, Range 26 East.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—For Air Force Technical School, Boca Raton Field, Boca Raton, Florida, In Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 20, Township 47 South, Range 43 East.

SARASOTA COUNTY—Sarasota-Bradenton Airport

Lots 1 to 24 Incl., Block 1, Saratona Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute regular form of leases in favor of the United States covering the areas desired in the three counties indicated, the leases in Lee and Palm Beach Counties to be renewable from year to year but not extending beyond June 30, 1962, and the lease in Sarasota

County to be for the duration of the War emergency; consideration in each case to be $1 per annum. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: Jentye Dedge,
Acting Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 21, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Pursuant to action of the Trustees on April 7, 1942, agreeing to advertise for objections only certain bay bottom lands owned by the State in the vicinity of Fisher's Island applied for by the City of Miami, the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News, Miami, Florida, June 15th, 22nd, 29th, July 6th and 13th, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, July 21, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged land in DADE County, Florida:

DESCRIPTION OF BAY BOTTOM LAND IN THE VICINITY OF FISHER'S ISLAND NEEDED FOR VIRGINIA KEY PROJECT

Beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 9, Township 54 South, Range 42 East; thence run

East on the South line of said Section 9 and the South line of Section 10, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, to a point Five-Hundred-Sixty (560) feet East of the Southwest corner of said Section 10; thence run North Twenty-three Degrees, No Minutes (23° 00′) East a distance of Six-Hundred-Twenty (620) feet more or less to a point; thence run North Fifty Degrees, Fifty Minutes (50° 50′) West on a line which is Seven-Hundred (700) feet Northeasterly from and parallel to the Northeasterly side of the tract of land heretofore acquired by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, through Master's Deed, dated May 21, 1940, and recorded in Deed Book 2065 at Page 487, Public Records of Dade County, Florida, a distance of Four-Thousand-Four Hundred-Eighty (4,480) feet, more or less to a point of intersection with the East line of the West One-half (W½) of said Section 9; thence run North on the said East line of the West One-half (W½) of Section 9 a distance of One-Thousand-Three-Hundred-Twenty (1,320) feet more or less, to a point; thence run North Eighty-Eight Degrees, Four Minutes (88° 04′) East on a line which is One-Hundred (100) feet North of and parallel to the North boundary of Fisher's Island to a point of intersection with the Southerly line of the Miami Municipal Channel; thence run Northwesterly on the said Southerly line of the Miami Municipal Channel to the Northerly line of the F. E. C. Railway Company Channel; thence run Westerly along the said Northerly line of the F. E. C. Railway Company Channel which is the South line of that certain tract of bay bottom land heretofore granted to the City of Miami by the State of Florida, as per Chapter 11616, Number 281, Legislative Acts of 1925, Extraordinary Session, to the West line of said Section 9; thence run South on the said West line of Section 9, to the point of beginning, excepting, however, from the above described property;—That certain tract of submerged land containing 12.74 acres heretofore conveyed to the Brown Company by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by deed, dated May 23, 1925, and recorded in Deed Book 963 at Page 143, Public Records of

> Dade County, Florida; also, excepting that certain tract of land conveyed to the Irving Investment Company by the Widening Company by deed, dated November 19, 1935, and recorded in Deed Book 1669 at Page 357, Public Records of Dade County, Florida. The above described tract less the excepted portions, contains 484 acres, more or less. Exact description to be furnished with deed.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections were filed or presented to sale of the land, but the Governor presented letters from:

Miami Beach Bay Shore Company
Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, representing Eastern Air Lines
Pan American Airways by J. E. Yonge
Major General Eugene Reybold, Chief of Engineers U. S. Army
Board of County Commissioners Dade County

all urging the sale of the lands to the City of Miami for the purpose of enlarging the port and harbor facilities and construction of a municipal airport. Also letter presented from the law firm of Shutts & Bowen, representing W. K. Vanderbilt, owner of property on Fisher's Island, indicating approval of the sale to the City for harbor and airport improvement, but stating that their client would object to its sale to individuals or other agencies for any other purpose.

Mr. John W. Watson, City Attorney of Miami, J. E. Yonge, on behalf of Pan American Airways and C. J. Senerchia, Miami Airport Director, were present and requested that the sale be consummated as agreed upon April 7th.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees consummate sale to the City of Miami for the land described in the foregoing notice on the basis of $40 an acre, payment to be at the rate of $10 an acre, representing only the State School Fund's equity,—no payment to be made to Trustees as agreed upon April 7th. Deed to contain reversion clause should the land be used for other purposes than harbor and airport construction and development. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deed authorized issued upon payment of $10 an acre, plus advertising cost.

Mr. Watson tendered check of the City of Miami covering cost of the land, which was accepted by the Trustees and turned over to the Land Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees give the Secretary, Mr. Elliot, permission to be absent from the office on Wednesday of each week to perform certain coast patrol duties assigned to him by the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permission granted.

Request was presented from R. E. Willis, Surveyor, for advance of $250 on survey to be made for the Trustees involving the following described land:

All Sections 1, 2, 3

All Fractional Sections 4, 5, 10, North of Kissimmee River

All Fractional Sections 11 and 13,

All Section 12

Township 38 South, Range 34 East, Okeechobee County,

which land was sold December 16, 1941 to Messrs. John and Roy Edwards and Leland Pierce.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that upon receipt of report from Mr. Willis showing services performed equal to amount requested that the Trustees authorize warrant drawn in amount of $250 in favor of Mr. Willis. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees May 19, 1942, on application of Paul M. Souder, in behalf of Max Don Howell, the following notice was published in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune of Sarasota, Florida, issues of June 15, 22, 29, July 6 and 13, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 11, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, July 21, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described land in SARASOTA County, Florida:

> "That parcel of sovereignty land, originally submerged but now exposed, lying on the West side of the Government Meander forming the West boundary of Government Lot 2, Section 1 of Township 37 South, Range 17 East, between limits extended westward of the North boundary of Lot 32 and the South boundary of Lot 30, Block 51, Plat of Revised Siesta, and extending West to the present high water mark of Big Sarasota Pass and having a length North and South of 150 feet, more or less. All lying and being in Sarasota County, Florida. Exact description to be furnished with deed."

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections having been filed or presented, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consummate sale to Max Don Howell of the land described in the foregoing notice at a price of $100 plus cost of advertising. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted, that the following salaries for July, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,800.00 be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary		$ 400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—part time		50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		200.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man		115.00
Protective Life Insurance Co., for Ralph D. Newman Agencies		2.95
R. A. Gray, Secretary of State		5.50
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.		150.50
E. B. Savage, Ocala, Fla.		35.00
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		23.25
Mary M. Gwynn, C. C. C., DeSoto County		2.05
Glades Title Organization, Moore Haven, Fla.		67.75
Miami Daily News, Inc., Miami, Fla.		78.75
Palm Beach Pub., Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.		6.75
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Fla.		24.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee		6.45
TOTAL		$1,800.00

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Attorney General reported that he had been requested by the League of Municipalities and a number of City Attorneys to present to the Trustees the matter of allowing advertisement and subsequent sale to some person designated by the City of lots within a municipality in which the City has an equity by virtue of outstanding municipal liens, the base bid for the purpose of advertising to be not less than the amount of all outstanding State taxes; that upon the land being bid in by the person making application, the City would then foreclose its municipal liens and leave the land clear of the State's interest.

Discussion was had and among the questions considered was the heavy cost of arriving at the State's taxes against the various parcels, the taxes in many instances dating back to 1895, and it was suggested that probably a reduced base bid would be preferable provided the cities would agree to take all lots within a certain area and not submit application for only the better parcels. Objections were made to various phases of the proposal and it was the consensus of opinion that the plan would not be satisfactory to the Trustees. Also that the rules and regulations now in force have ample latitude for the City to purchase the land either by bid of 25 per cent of the 1932 assessed value or by making request to the Clerk of the Circuit Court under the Special Case rule.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the proposal as submitted from the League of Municipalities and advise them that applications could be made with the base bid of 25 per cent of the 1932 assessed value, or request to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to submit Special case applying to the Trustees for lower base bid on a large number of lots on which the City holds liens. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296 in accordance with rules and regulations adopted, and reported that such bids were regular, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	4/22/42	1
Alachua	6/24/42	32
Calhoun	6/22/42	9
Clay	7/11/42	2
Dade	7/8/42	31
Dixie	7/13/42	6
Gulf	7/13/42	4
Hernando	6/29/42	4
Holmes	6/29/42	2
Indian River	7/6/42	6
Jackson	7/15/42	3
Lake	7/13/42	26
Orange	7/6/42	34
Osceola	7/12/42	15
Santa Rosa	6/9/42	5
Seminole	7/13/42	25
Volusia	7/6/42	42
Walkulla	7/3/42	3
Walton	6/16/42	1
Walton	7/6/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids as listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed in compliance with the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Commissioner Mayo suggested that in connection with sales of land under Chapter 18296, it might be well to have some investigation of parcels of 20 or 40 acres to ascertain whether there might be stands of merchantable timber, or good grove or agricultural land worth more than the 25 per cent of 1932 assessed value. Discussion was had as to the best method of obtaining the information desired and the advisability of posting the property against trespass.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Watson, that no tract of ten (10) acres or more be sold until the Secretary has made an investigation of the value of the land, as to whether it has timber on it or suitable for groves or agricultural purposes, and if the investigation justified that the Field Agent for the Trustees make an examination and report back to the Board. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

At the suggestion of the Secretary the Board directed that the Clerks of the Circuit Courts be furnished with list of tracts containing 10 acres or more and request them to indicate on such list whether it is timber land or not; that with such information it could be determined what parcels should be examined by the Field Agent.

Letter was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Clay County, recommending that one bid on Report No. 24 be declined as the property justified a higher bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Clerk be requested to furnish information as to whether or not he had a higher bid for the lots and submit amended recommendation. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the City of Crescent City, represented by Thos. B. Dowda, submitting an offer of $1 for deed under Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, to land in Putnam County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296. Information was furnished that Mr. Dowda had been advised as to the ruling of the Attorney

General with reference to requirement of one-fourth of the base bid to be deposited to the credit of the State School Fund; that he was of the opinion the School Fund had no interest in the land and desired action by the Trustees on his bid of $1 upon refusal of which he would institute proceedings to test the case.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the offer of $1 from the City of Crescent City be rejected. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the City of Palmetto that the Trustees reopen March 4, 1940 sale, Report No. 1, on which bid of $50 was entered from the City and subsequently declined as insufficient. Offer of $150 was submitted.

The Secretary reported that the $50 had never been refunded to the City, and the bid of $150 was equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept base bid of $150 for the land applied for by the City of Palmetto, described as being in Section 15, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, containing one-fourth of an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and offer of $150 accepted.

The following report was presented from the Committee appointed to act on Special Cases under the Murphy Act:

July 17, 1942

Trustees Internal Improvement Board
CAPITOL

Re: Murphy Sales in Special Cases Held
Up Because of Insufficient Bids.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the Secretary-Engineer of your Board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheet numbering 104, the said sheet being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of this tract, numbering 104, and having its corresponding listing on the separate sheet first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the land involved, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommends."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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The case in question involved Lake County land in Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 26 East—6.43 acres. It was shown that at the time of assessment in 1932 there was an orange grove on the land which later burned and the 1940 assessed value was placed at $100. An offer of $25 was recommended for acceptance.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted and the bid of $25 accepted for the land. Upon vote the motion was carried, the Comptroller voting No.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote duly adopted, that the following salaries for July, and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,483.76 be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	$ 34.74
Postal-Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee	21.62
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee	5.50
H. C. Mickler, C. C. C., Brooksville, Fla.	250.72
Comptroller, State of Florida	16.18
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	30.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Steno.-Clerk	150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Steno	125.00

Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Steno		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Steno		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Ralph D. Newman Agencies		4.79
TOTAL		$1,483.76

The following refund checks were issued during the month of July, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Annie Corbin c/o Cauley C. Copeland, C. C. C. Dixie County Cross City, Florida	$100.00
Charles Eugene Cleare c/o Ross C. Sawyer, C. C. C. Monroe County Key West, Florida	50.00
TOTAL	$150.00

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Engineer and Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
July 28, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Pursuant to action of the Trustees June 16, 1942, the following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 27, 1942, application having been submitted from M. L. Esary on behalf of L. E. Wills:

NOTICE

Tallahasee, Florida, June 19, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 12 o'clock Noon, July 28, 1942, for the following described land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

> S½ of SE¼ and S½ of SW¼, Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.
>
> N½ of NE¼; S½ of SE¼ and S½ of SW¼, Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 36 East.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

The land having been advertised for competitive bids, the Chairman called for bids.

Bid of $20 an acre for the land in Section 35, and $15 an acre for land in Section 27, having accompanied application, Mr. Wills was present and stated that he was ready to purchase the land at the prices offered.

No further bids being presented, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer of $20 an acre for the land described in Section 35, and $15 an acre for land described in Section 27, both in Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, and consummate sale to Mr. Wills. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

At a meeting of the Trustees February 17th, Mr. A. A. Poston, on behalf of the County Commissioners of Palm

Beach County, applied to the Trustees for certain sovereignty land in Palm Beach County, which the County desired to acquire in order to effect an exchange with Inlet Shores, Inc., for two parcels of ocean front property to be improved as public bathing beaches for the County and the public. A nominal price of $100 was agreed upon as payment for the 28 acres plus advertising costs, in view of the fact that by such sale it would mean the establishment of two beaches for that County. The following Notice was published in the Palm Beach Post June 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahasee, Florida, June 19, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, July 28, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged and sovereignty land in PALM BEACH County, Florida:

> That parcel or tract of sovereignty land, submerged or partially submerged, described as follows, to-wit:
>
> Begin at the NE corner of Government Lot 3 of Section 5, Tp. 41 S., Rg. 43 E. as established by U. S. Government survey in 1855;
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> Thence from said point of beginning following the Government meander in said Section 5, S 82½° W 8 chs. ;
>
> Thence along said meander N 43° W 10 chs.;
>
> Thence along said meander N 15° W 9 chs. to the M. C. on the north boundary of said Section 5;
>
> Thence in Section 32 of Tp. 40 S., Rg. 43 E. N 15° W 13 chs. to a point in the projected south line of Jupiter Inlet District;
>
> Thence east in projection of south line of Jupiter Inlet District a computed distance of 5.98 chs. to the Government meander on the West side of Gomez Grant as surveyed in 1845;
>
> Thence following the Government meander on the west side of Gomez Grant S 60¼° E 9.55 chs.;
>
> Thence following said meander S 20¼° E 24 chs., of which 8.33 chs. in Sec. 32 and 15.67 chs. in

Sec. 5 of Tps. 40 and 41 South, respectively, to the SW corner of said Gomez Grant at what was then by survey the shore of Jupiter Inlet;

Thence by computed bearing and distance S 83° 05′ W 2.16 chs. to the NE corner of Government Lot 3, the point of beginning first above described.

Containing 36.0 acres, more or less, all lying and being in Palm Beach County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to prevent the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No objections being presented or filed, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees consummate sale in the name of Inlet Shores, Inc., upon payment of $100 plus advertising costs, it being understood that in exchange for the land described in the foregoing Notice the County of Palm Beach would receive deed to two parcels of beach front property as represented by Mr. Poston. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized issued.

Based on an offer of $50 an acre submitted by J. W. McLaughlin of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of Roger Sherman, the following Notice was published in the Fort Lauderdale Daily News on June 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21, 1942:

Tallahassee, Florida, June 20, 1942

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will hold a meeting at 12 o'clock Noon, July 28, 1942, at Tallahassee, Florida, to consider the sale of the following described submerged and sovereignty land in BROWARD County, Florida:

Begin at a point on the South boundary line of the North 100 feet of the South 400 feet of Govt.

> Lot 5, Sec. 20, Twp. 48 S., Rge. 43 E, Broward County, Florida, 160 feet West of the Right-of-way of State Road No. 140; thence Westerly along said South boundary line 105 feet, more or less, to the —3 foot contour line in the Intracoastal Waterway; thence Northwesterly along said contour line 110 feet, more or less, to an intersection with the North boundary line of said North 100 feet of South 400 feet of Govt. Lot 5; thence Easterly along said North boundary line 65 feet more or less; thence Southerly 100 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, containing 0.18 acres.

This Notice is published in compliance with Section 1062 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida that any person or persons who may have objections to said sale may have an opportunity to present the same on date of sale as therein provided.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Upon information that no objections had been received, motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees consummate sale to Roger Sherman for the land described in the foregoing notice upon payment of $50 an acre plus advertising costs. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $38.96 was presented from Earby Tucker for Lots 81 and 82, Block 2, Monroe Heights Addition to the town of Riviera, Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Elliot reported that title to the lots applied for vested in the State under authority of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929; that Resolution had been adopted by the County Commissioners of Palm Beach County recommending that the Trustees accept the offer of $38.96, which was less than the amount of Decree—$76.16—in order that the land might be returned to the tax rolls; that the County agrees to pay the pro rata share of fees and costs and accept 25% of taxes due the County, allowing full payment of the State's equity and amount due the Trustees, including $5 in payment for release of statutory reservations retained by the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $38.96 for Lots 81 and 82 of Block 2, Monroe Heights Addition to the town of Riviera, with disbursement to be made to the State, to the County and to the Trustees as set forth. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale approved.

Offer of 10 cents an acre was submitted from Herschel A. Auxier of Miami Beach, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on

> Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East,
> Dade County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land was under lease to a party by the name of Herman Boyd with expiration date as of December 29, 1942, and recommended that renewal or new lease be at the rate of 15 cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of 10 cents an acre for lease covering the land applied for and that the Land Clerk take the matter up with Mr. Boyd to ascertain whether or not he would be interested in leasing the land at the expiration of his present lease on the basis of 15 cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Joe D. Kinsey, Sebring, Florida, offering $100 on behalf of Julian Montsdoca for Lot 5, Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $100.00, but that counter proposal be made Mr. Kinsey for sale of Lot 5 on the basis of $228.00, such price being in line with appraisal by the Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized at a price of $228.00.

Offer of $420 was presented from G. L. Bullard of White Springs, Florida, for

> SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 11, Township 2 South, Range 15 East,
>
> NE¼ of SW¼ and SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 16 East,
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> All in Hamilton County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offer of $420 from Mr. Bullard for the land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. R. E. Kurtz of Fort Myers, Florida, and Mr. W. H. Reynolds presented application to the Trustees for the purchase of

> Lot 20, Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County,

which lot was sold by the Trustees in 1919 to W. L. Adams.

Mr. Bayless reported that Mr. Adams never completed his payments and the Trustees foreclosed the mortgage; that Mr. Adams was not made party to the suit on account of information that he was dead—it later developed that he was alive and the foreclosure therefore imperfect. Mr. Kurtz informed the Board that he had secured quitclaim deed from Mr. Adams and was offering $40 an acre for the tract.

Discussion was had as to whether or not the land should be sold for cash or on time. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $800 for the Lot described upon payment of $200 cash and the remainder on time. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Kurtz and Mr. Reynolds accepted the terms agreed upon by the Trustees.

Supplemental statement was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Palm Beach County of $60.90 balance due on 1941 taxes against State land in South Florida Conservancy District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the taxes be paid in amount of $60.90 and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in favor of J. Alex Arnette, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, as follows:

J. Alex Arnette, Clerk of Circuit Court
Palm Beach County

To a balance due for South Florida Conservancy District Taxes	$60.90

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for land under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bradford	7/6/42	6
Brevard	7/14/42	18
Charlotte	7/6/42	1
DeSoto	5/18/42	3
DeSoto	7/20/42	4
Franklin	7/6/42	15
Hardee	7/6/42	13
Hernando	7/18/42	2
Hillsborough	7/20/42	43
Marion	7/6/42	16
Martin	7/14/42	2
Santa Rosa	4/6/42	3
St. Johns	7/10/42	16
Walton	7/13/42	1
Walton	7/20/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented for approval of Charlotte County Correction deed owing to erroneous description in Deed No. 71.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of Charlotte County Deed No. 71-Cor., in favor of DeSoto National Bank of Arcadia, for correcting erroneous description in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

Request was presented from County Clerk's Association, by President J. L. McMullen, for reduction in base bids as heretofore submitted to the Trustees.

The Trustees having declined to adopt a blanket policy reducing the base bid from 25% to 10% of the 1932 assessed value, it was the opinion of the Trustees that the action taken be not rescinded, and it was so ordered.

Application was presented from American Telephone and Telegraph Company for right of way easement through land in Indian River County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, to be used in re-locating a portion of St. Augustine-West Palm Beach toll line necessary in the construction of a new U. S. Army Air Base in that locality. Offer of $80 was submitted in payment for easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of American Telephone and Telegraph Company across the following described land:

> W½ of Tract 1, Section 4, Township 33 South, Range 39 East; Lots 21, 23 and 25, all in Block 2 Altoona Heights, a subdivision of the east five acres of Tract 8, Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 39 East, Vero Beach, Florida, Indian River County,

upon payment of $80. Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Dixie County list of certificates under Chapter 18296 carried Certificate No. 105 of 1900 covering the SW¼ of SE¼, NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 13 East—80 acres, which land was not patented out of the United States until the year 1917; that the parcel was sold to Putnam Lumber Company on a bid of $20 and the owner of the land, through title coming down from the United States, desires to clear the property from the deed issued by the Trustees under Chapter 18296, offering to pay the State's grantee for any costs incurred. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County has informed the Trustees that Putnam Lumber Company is willing to execute quitclaim deed to the owner, Elizabeth T. Sympson, upon being reimbursed the cost of the deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees refund $20 to Putnam Lumber Company, being amount of bid received, for which Dixie County Deed No. 18 was issued February 12, 1941, conditioned upon Putnam Lumber Company executing quitclaim deed in favor of Elizabeth T. Sympson for the parcel covered by Certificate No. 105 of 1900. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the refund authorized.

The Secretary reported that there was available for transfer to General Revenue $25,000 from funds under Chapter 18296, and that the Comptroller was being requested to issue warrant in favor of the State Treasurer, as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$25,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 4, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. J. Hubert Graves of Wabasso, on behalf of himself and E. E. Carter, submitted application for five-year mineral lease on all the submerged areas to high water mark lying east of mid-channel line of the Indian River, including both shore lines to high water mark, lying between the north line of Township 24 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East, and the south line of Township 38 South, Range 42 East, lying within the Counties of Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin. Royalty of $1.00 per ton for all minerals was offered with payment of monthly minimum of $25.

Information from the Land Department was that lease applied for would be identical with a lease now in effect covering an area in the Indian River lying West of the channel, but proposed lease would not conflict with one now in force.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize Mineral Lease for a period of five years in favor of J. Hubert Graves and E. E. Carter, providing for mining sand in area described with a view to removing such minerals as ilmenite, rutile and zircon, payment to be at the rate of $1.00 per ton for all mineral taken with minimum royalty of $25 per month and the furnishing of bond in the sum of $1,000.00; also, that such lease not conflict with any outstanding lease. Upon vote the motion was adopetd and the lease ordered prepared for execution.

Application was presented from John D. Bischoff of Jacksonville, Florida, offering $770 for Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Section 18, Township 4 South, Range 28 East, Duval County.

Information from the Land Office being that the offer was in line with appraisal by the Field Agent, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept $770 for the lots applied for by Mr. Bischoff, payment to be $300 cash, $235 on or before three months from date and $235 on or before six months from date, with interest at 6% on deferred payments. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from D. C. Smith on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, offering $10 an acre for the E½ of Lot 8 in Section 19, Township 35 South, Range 41 East, St. Lucie County, the lot being desired for park purposes of the County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that action be deferred on application from St. Lucie County and that the Field Agent be requested to make appraisal of the property and report to the board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Consideration was given to conditions and terms under which sale would be held of cypress timber owned by the State in Lake and Volusia Counties. It was agreed that form of Notice follow substantially the procedure for sale of State lands with specific conditions as follows:

Written or competitive bids;

Certified check of 10% to accompany bid;

Checks of unsuccessful bidders to be returned immediately;

Check of highest bidder retained pending execution of contract—to apply on purchase;

Terms, Cash or on time;

$10,000 bond required if purchased on time; and payment of one and one-half times market value on unpaid balance.

The Secretary was directed to advertise the sale in several newspapers in the State, specifying September 1st as date on which to receive bids.

Mr. Mayo presented telegram from J. Ray Arnold, advising that owing to illness he had been unable to submit data in support of his request for suspension of operations under his Exploration Contract, but would submit it as soon as possible.

The Trustees directed that Mr. Arnold be notified of action taken at a recent meeting with reference to suspension of contracts for oil exploration if such information had not already been furnished to him.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees on lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	7/22/42	25
Bay	7/20/42	6
Broward	7/20/42	115
Calhoun	7/27/42	7
Citrus	7/3/42	5
Dade	7/22/42	42
Gulf	7/27/42	2
Hamilton	7/27/42	2
Nassau	7/27/42	4
Okeechobee	7/30/42	2
Osceola	7/27/42	14

Santa Rosa	1/5/42	13
Sumter	7/13/42	30
Taylor	6/19/42	4
Taylor	7/17/42	3
Wakulla	7/15/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented report from S. S. Savage, Field Agent, covering examination of land under Chapter 18296, formerly owned by the City of Arcadia as a golf course. The report related the history of the course and placed the value of the land at approximately $10 an acre and the Club House at about $1500 and in bad state of repair.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees reaffirm action taken, declining to accept a lower base bid than one-fourth the 1932 assessed value for the Golf Course property in Section 19, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, formerly owned by the City of Arcadia. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Governor Holland presented request from Mr. J. L. McMullen, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County and President of the County Clerk's Association, requesting that the Trustees reconsider action taken July 28, declining to reduce base bid to 10% of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Secretary be instructed to advise Mr. McMullen that owing to the variance in values of property within municipalities and subdivisions, the Trustees did not feel justified in making a blanket reduction to 10% as a base bid on such property; that they felt the Special Case rule could be applied with very little inconvenience in most cases and for the present the 25% base bid should be continued. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Attorney General came in and upon being informed of the subject under discussion, cast his vote in favor of action taken.

Mr. Watson made verbal report in connection with action of the Trustees July 7th having reference to proposed contract with Edward Morgan of Tampa, Florida, for investigating cases where land under Chapter 18296 had been condemned by the United States and amount of appraisal disbursed to private individuals claiming ownership of the land rather than to the State as legal title holder. It was the opinion of the Attorney General that these cases could be handled without outside assistance as contemplated in the contract.

Upon information that the matter had been called up informally at a previous meeting, of which no Minute record was made, and the Trustees having agreed to cancel such contract upon recommendation of the Attorney General, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Board affirm action informally taken and that motion adopted July 7th be rescinded and the contract authorized thereby cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 11, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Minutes of July 14th, 21st and August 4th, 1942, were presented for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Minutes as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Attorney General presented for consideration of the Trustees protest and objections dated July 22, 1942, from George W. Milam, on behalf of Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company, to proposed sale of lands in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, which said sale was authorized by action of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on June 29, 1942.

Motion was offered by the Attorney General, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the protest and objections submitted by Fort Pierce Financing & Construction Company be overruled by the Trustees and that sale of the land proceed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. J. V. Keen, Attorney of Tallahassee, presented application of J. N. Schuck of Miami, Florida, offering $1500 per section for the following sections of land owned by the State in Dade County:

> Sections 22, 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 55 South, Range 38 East—Containing approximately 3200 acres.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Keen did not have information that an appraisal had been made of these sections when his client requested that bid be submitted; that report from the Field Agent dated October 25, 1941, placed the value of the sections applied for considerably higher than the offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees defer action on application of Mr. Schuck until Mr. Keen has opportunity to notify his client of appraisal on the land and ascertain whether or not he desires to raise his bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Mayo reported to the Board that Mr. S. S. Savage, Field Agent for the Trustees, had been offered a position with the Ocala Mfg. Ice and Packing Company but he preferred continuing with the Trustees if he had some assurance that his services would be required for something like a year or more.

The members of the Board expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied with the services rendered by Mr. Savage and were of the opinion that there would be sufficient work to require his employment for at least another year.

Mr. Mayo was requested to convey information to Mr. Savage that there was no doubt that his services would probably be needed for at least another year.

On July 7th, 1942, the Trustees referred to Mr. Mayo for investigation and report the request submitted by Mr. Millard F. Caldwell for cancellation of contract dated January 6, 1942, in favor of his clients American Pearl Button Company and Stanley Gerson, Inc. Mr. Mayo reported that he had written three different States trying to locate a man experienced in the button business to make an investigation of the shell supply but had been unsuccessful; however, that he had contacted several reliable parties in the locality and information from these parties was that there was not sufficient shell in the area under contract to supply a factory for a period longer than eighteen months or two years; that based on the investigation his recommendation was that the Trustees cancel the contract of January 6, 1942, and return bond filed by the Company in amount of $1000 conditioned upon payment of royalty due.

Mr. Watson offered a motion that the Trustees cancel Mussel Shell Lease authorized January 6, 1942, in favor of American Pearl Button Company and Stanley Gerson, Inc., upon payment of minimum monthly royalty to September 1st, 1942, and that bond accompanying said contract be returned to lessees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Financial Statements for the month of July are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$4,389.58
Land Sale—Palm Beach County—Chapter 14717	99.50
Land Sale—Chapter 14572	94.53
Farm Lease	1,125.00
Timber Lease	2,467.76
Grazing Leases	400.97
General Purposes Lease	3.75

Sand and Shell Leases	709.30	
Fishing Campsite	37.50	
Hunting Lease	309.72	
Payment for Claim against Everglades Drainage Dist.	.93	
Cedar Stumps	3.08	
Cpns., Fed. Farm Mortgage Corp. Bds., Axel Jensen, Ent. No. 17,839	31.50	
Total Receipts for July, 1942	$9,673.12	$ 9,673.12
Balance as of July 1, 1942		186,008.42
GRAND TOTAL		$195,681.54
Less Disbursements for July, 1942		20,878.02
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JULY 31, 1942		$174,803.52

DISBURSEMENTS

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
July 17,	7110	So. Florida Conservancy Dist.	$10,749.62
	7111	Pelican Lake Sub Drainage Dist.	3,560.09
	7112	Pahokee Drainage District	4,707.41
21,	10986	R. A. Gray	5.50
	10987	S. S. Savage	150.50
	10988	E. B. Savage	35.00
	10989	W. B. Granger	23.25
	10990	Mary M. Gwynn, C. C. C.	2.05
	10991	Glades Title Organization	67.75
	10992	Miami Daily News	78.75
	10993	Palm Beach Publications, Inc.	6.75
	10994	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	24.00
	10995	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.45
31,	15538	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	15539	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
	15540	M. O. Barco	175.00
	15541	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	15542	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	15543	S. S. Savage	200.00
	15544	J. B. Lee	10.00
	15545	E. B. Savage	115.00
	15546	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	2.95
	19019	J. Alex Arnette	60.90
		Total Disbursements for the Month of July, 1942	$20,878.02

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

RECEIPTS

July 1, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00
DISBURSEMENTS	None
July 31, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

Land Sales for the month	$33,374.69
Refund, by SAL Ry., of unused portion of ticket secured by Joseph Gillen	4.85
Total Receipts for the month	33,379.54
Balance as of July 1, 1942	4,316.65
GRAND TOTAL	$37,696.19
Less Disbursements for the month	26,633.76
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF JULY 31, 1942	$11,062.43

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
July 21,	10996	Annie Corbin	$ 100.00
	10997	Charles Eugene Cleare	50.00
	10998	Western Union Telegraph Co.	34.74
	10999	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	21.62
	11000	Capital Office Equipment Co.	5.50
	11001	H. C. Mickler	250.72
	11002	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	18111	J. Edwin Larson, St. Treas.	25,000.00
31,	20517	Comptroller of Florida	16.18
	15547	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	15548	Ernest Hewitt	200.00

15549	Helen Phillips	150.00
15550	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
15551	John C. Moore	148.13
15552	J. R. Roberts	147.08
15553	M. O. Barco	25.00
15554	Jentye Dedge	25.00
15555	F. C. Elliot	50.00
15556	Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79

Total Disbursements for the Month of July, 1942 .... $26,633.76

Comptroller Lee was recorded as being present.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. R. C. Brent with the United States Engineers, on behalf of the War Department, came before the Trustees with reference to land desired by the Federal Government in connection with the Amphibious Training Base in Franklin County, the acquisition of which would involve parcels owned by the State under Chapter 18296; that the Government would require deed to the area on which permanent improvements would be located and for other parcels a lease would be satisfactory.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease drawn in the regular form in favor of the United States of America, including all lands owned by the State of Florida under Chapter 18296 desired by the Government and lying within the Amphibious Base area, Franklin County, consideration to be $1 annually with option for renewal from year to year for the duration of the emergency. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered prepared upon description being furnished by Mr. Brent.

Mr. R. C. Brent, of the U. S. Engineers, on behalf of the United States of America, submitted an offer of $900 for certain lots owned by the State under Chapter 18296, located in Franklin County, within the Amphibious Training Base area. Information was that $900 was the appraisal placed on the land by the Government which had an assessed value of $1400 on the Franklin County tax roll.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County to advertise the lots desired by the United States for use in connection with the Amphibious Training Base, the base bid for each parcel to be the appraised value as determined by the United States; that the rule requiring thirty days' advertising be waived, with sale to be held anytime not earlier than five days from date of advertisement; that the mailing of notice by letter to former owner be omitted; in all other respects sale to be conducted in the usual manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Brent stated that he would furnish the Trustees with list of lands desired with the appraised value of each parcel indicated.

Mr. Mayo informed the Board that among the holdings of Lanark Improvement Company were two lots formerly owned by them in Franklin County, which lots reverted to the State under Chapter 18296 and were included in the area desired by the United States for the Amphibious Training area; that the Company desired to acquire these lots in order that conveyance of the entire tract be made to the Federal Government from the original owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that advertisement and sale of the two lots formerly owned by Lanark Improvement Company be held in the regular manner by the Trustees' Agent in Franklin County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered, Mr. Mayo not voting.

The Attorney General was excused from the meeting on account of appointments in his office.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations adopted, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were ready for consideration by the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	8/3/42	1
Bay	7/6/42	23
Citrus	6/26/42	5
Escambia	7/24/42	8
Flagler	8/3/42	1
Franklin	7/6/42	15
Hardee	8/3/42	5

Jackson	8/3/42	4
Lafayette	7/31/42	2
Palm Beach	6/25/42	1
Polk	6/30/42	28
Santa Rosa	2/9/42	7
Santa Rosa	3/19/42	3
St. Lucie	8/3/42	11
Volusia	8/3/42	16

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act lands in Okaloosa County required in connection with State Road No. 218.

Motion was offered by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for drainage ditch purposes in connection with the following road:

> Okaloosa County Road No. 218, Project 3-A—SRD No. 5.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement ordered executed.

Application was presented from L. F. Cox for lease on Murphy Act land in Lake County, described as:

> Lots 3 and 4, Block 6, Mineola, covered by Certificate No. 11987 of 1933

for which lease Mr. Cox offered $2.50 for one year.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline to lease the land in Lake County at a rental of $2.50 annually, but it was agreed that counter proposal be made Mr. Cox for one year lease upon payment of $10. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Mrs. Byron McGhin of Jacksonville, Florida, that protest be allowed to sale of June 24, 1942, covering Lot 18, Block 2, North Springfield Terrace, Report No. 31, notice of which sale was not received by former owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Duval County to allow protest from Mrs. McGhin to sale of the above lot upon deposit of the amount required under the protest rule, and upon receipt of such amount the parcel to be readvertised for sale.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following bills amounting to $191.46 were presented, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Fred M. Burns, Ass't Atty. Gen.	$ 31.60
Joseph E. Gillen, Ass't Atty. Gen.	24.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	135.36
TOTAL	$191.46

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 18, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

TRUSTEES' MATTERS PROPER

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Minutes of the Trustees for July 7th, 13th and 28th, be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from T. W. Conely, Jr., of Okeechobee, Florida, offering $2.25 an acre for 243.52 acres of State land in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County. Information was that the land lies inside the Kissimmee River marsh twenty miles from the city of Okeechobee, and was appraised at $2 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $2.25 an acre from Mr. Conely for the land in Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 33 East. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $5 an acre was presented from E. P. Scarborough of Moore Haven, Florida, for the purchase of Fractional E½ of Section 34, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, containing 276.75 acres. From field examination the area was reported as prairie with no timber and appraised at $5 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Scarborough for the land applied for in Glades County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from L. S. Remsberg of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to purchase Tiers 24, 26 and 28, Section 14, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 188.86 acres in Broward County. Mr. Bayless furnished information that examination by the Field Agent shows the land to be sandy prairie with some muck and appraised at $30 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline offer of $20 an acre from Mr. Remsberg for the land in Broward County applied for by him but that counter proposal be made to accept $30 an acre for the tract. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $123 was submitted from Joe D. Kinsey of Sebring, Florida, on behalf of Julian Montsdoca, to purchase Lot 5 of Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 31 East, containing 42 acres in Highlands County.

Mr. Bayless reported that the land is shown as wet prairie and lies between property of Julian Montsdoca and the River, also that he thought he owned the tract and had put some improvements on it.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $123 from Mr. Montsdoca for Lot 5 as above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was submitted from R. M. Marler of Lakeland, Florida, desiring to know whether or not the Trustees would be interested in selling the scrub oak and dead or down timber located on the

> E½ of NW¼ of SE¼ and SW¼ of NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 10, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, Polk County,
>
> Containing 30 acres.

Mr. Bayless informed the Board that the land about which inquiry was made was located about three and one-half miles from Lakeland, was shown to have about five units of pine timber, the balance being scrub oak or blackjack, and was to be used for fuel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Bayless notify Mr. Marler that the Trustees would be willing to sell the timber applied for at a price to be agreed upon. Upon vote the motion was adopted and Mr. Bayless directed to contact Mr. Marler with a view to arriving at a fair price for the trees.

Offer of $5 an acre was received from Fitz Williams of Sebring, Florida, for purchase of 200.48 acres of State land in Section 25, and 159.89 acres in Section 36, all in Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County.

Mr. Bayless reported that Field Agent's appraisal shows the land to be located approximately 10 miles from Okeechobee, consisting of marsh areas and palmetto prairie, adjacent to the Kissimmee River near State Road No. 8; also that offer is in line with appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the land be advertised for competitive bids based on offer of $5 an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Mr. Bayless informed the Board that Mr. Kent Pendleton had requested return of $1000 cash bond and cancellation of Mineral Lease No. 259, providing for mining mineral sands along the West coast of Florida in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties; that Mr. Pendleton stated upon examination of the areas under lease he had not found sufficient minerals to justify expenditure necessary to carry on the operation and wished to be released from further liability under the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Lease No. 259 in favor of Kent Pendleton be cancelled and that cash bond in amount of $1000 be returned to him. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented statement in amount of $651 from R. E. Willis, Surveyor of Okeechoee County, for survey made of part of Township 38 South, Range 34 East, lying East of Kissimmee River, in Okeechobee County, authorized by the Trustees January 20, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the bill be approved and that warrant be drawn in favor of Mr. Willis in payment for services in making survey of the land above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from Florida Forest and Park Service for dedication of 80 acres of State land in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, Sarasota County. It was explained that the parcel of land came to the State through exchange with the Vanderipe Estate in order to block up tracts in Myakka River State Park area as well as in private ownership.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, the Trustees agreed to dedicate the land in Section 21 for use in connection with Myakka River State Park, and the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund are authorized by Chapter 16142, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1933, to acquire land by donation or purchase, or otherwise, suitable for State Parks and for reforestation, and for other purposes, and to make the same available therefor and for the improvement thereof, and

WHEREAS, the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have by Deed dated March 29, 1939, executed by the Vanderipe Estate, acquired title to certain lands in Sarasota County, Florida, described as a triangular parcel of land in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, more particularly described as follows:

> Beginning at the Southeast Corner of the NE¼ of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East, at Concrete Monument, thence running North 2 degrees 20 minutes West, along the Eastern boundary of said Section 2100 feet to a point on said East boundary, thence South 55 degrees 20 minutes West, a distance of 3926.4 feet to a point on the center line of said Section, thence Easterly along the center line of said Section a distance of 3318.85 feet to the point of beginning, being a triangular parcel of land containing 80 acres more or less, lying and being in the N½ of Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 20 East.

and

WHEREAS, the said parcel is within the boundary of Myakka River State Park and is desirable for use as a part of said Park and should be included therein, Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the land acquired by deed as above be and the same is hereby dedicated and declared to be a part of Myakka River State Park, and for reforestation purposes, and for such other uses in connection with such purposes as the said Trustees may deem desirable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks be and it is hereby authorized to proceed with such work in connection with said land as a part of Myakka River State Park and for reforestation, and for other purposes as may be desirable and beneficial to the said land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said lands be available to the State Board of Conservation for the establishment of a preserve for the protection of game and fresh water fish.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Park Service of action taken.

Mr. L. R. Rainey of Monticello, Florida, came before the Board with offer to purchase trees suitable for pulpwood, as well as to salvage tops of larger trees being taken under lease, and offering $1 per unit for same.

Information was given that the small trees applied for are scattered throughout the area under lease and will be almost inaccessible after the larger timber is removed.

In view of the small number of pulpwood trees, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Rainey of $1 per unit for pulpwood timber and salvaged tree tops. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $3,562.60 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer		$ 400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time		50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent—One-half month		100.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man		55.00
Protective Life Insurance Company, Ralph Newman Agencies		2.95
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		97.30
E. B. Savage, Compass Man for S. S. Savage		26.70
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		13.50
Board of County Commissioners of Levy County		1,186.46
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer		181.54
Fort Lauderdale Daily News, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.		11.25
Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla.		25.50
The Sunshine Special, West Palm Beach, Fla.		41.25
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee		5.50
Broward Abstract Co., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.		72.00
R. E. Willis, Okeechobee, Fla.		651.60
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla. (Land Office)		10.00
TOTAL		$3,562.60

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bradford	7/18/42	2
Bradford	8/10/42	3
Liberty	4/10/42	7
Putnam	7/6/42	11
Suwannee	7/6/42	2
Wakulla	8/12/42	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the bids accepted.

Application was submitted from Charles M. Smith, Associate Land Appraiser for the United States, Sarasota, Florida, for lease involving land in Hillsborough County, which came to the State under Chapter 18296, required in connection with Drew Field Airport.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease of ten acres of land in Hillsborough County described as:

> NE¼ of NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 17 East, covered by Part Certificate 912 of 1933;

that lease be executed in favor of the United States of America for a period not exceeding six months beyond the end of the present National emergency—compensation to be $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered executed and transmitted to Mr. Smith.

Application was submitted from Robert A. Blum, on behalf of Mrs. Eugene C. Pomeroy, requesting that protest be allowed to sale of Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, Block X, Eagan Terrace, Duval County, formerly owned by her mother, now deceased, on the ground that she did not receive notice of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees allow protest from Mrs. Pomeroy to sale of June 24, 1942, covering lots formerly owned by her mother, report having been received from the Clerk that full amount required under protest rule had been deposited with him. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot informed the Trustees that pursuant to action taken July 14th, 1942, the State Auditor had made examination of the records in Jackson County in connection with sale on February 9, 1942, to W. C. McNutt, of Lots 1 and 3, Block 24, Kings Addition to Graceville, formerly owned by Mrs. Mabel Kirkland; that the State Auditor had submitted a full report on the subject showing that Mrs. Kirkland had been paying taxes for years on six lots which did not exist, thinking she was paying taxes on Lots 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, Block 24, Kings Addition, formerly owned by her, her home being located on Lots 1 and 3. Recommendation was that as a matter of equity Mrs. Kirkland should not lose the two lots on which her home was located, the four other lots having already been deeded away under Section 9 of Chapter 18296.

Upon discussion of the proper method to follow under the circumstances, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees agree to cancel sale to W. C. McNutt and refund amount of his bid—$417.50—upon payment by Mrs. Kirkland to Mr. McNutt of amount of Clerk's fees and costs incurred by him incident to the sale; that the Trustees then instruct the Clerk to not accept application to purchase Lots 1 and 3 of Block 24, Kings Addition to Graceville, and at the next session of the Legislature Mrs. Kirkland have a Relief Bill prepared providing for cancellation of certificates against Lots 1 and 3, by which title to said lots vested in the State. Upon vote motion adopted.

The Trustees having referred to the Attorney General Monroe County case involving overlap in description appearing in Deed No. 211 to Jerome Perez and Deed No. 224 to Stanley Key, report was submitted from the Attorney General recommending that new deeds be issued to Perez and Key correctly describing each parcel of land and that such deeds be transmitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County for recording before delivery to grantees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the recommendation of the Attorney General be approved and that new deeds be executed correctly describing the land and forwarded to the Clerk for delivery after recording. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following salaries and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,152.50 be approved and ordered transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be issued in payment therefor:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Steno		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Steno		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Steno		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Steno		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee		4.79
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville		27.50
TOTAL		$1,152.50

The following refund check was issued during the month of August, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

W. C. McNutt
c/o Doc Grant, C. C. C.
Jackson County
Marianna, Florida $417.50

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 25, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Trustees having deferred action on offer from J. V. Keen, presented August 11th, on behalf of G. N. Shuck, Mr. Keen again came before the Board and submitted written offers as follows:

Section 27—	$7.50 an acre
Section 28—	3.00 an acre
Sections 29 & 30—	2.00 an acre

the land being located in Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Mr. Bayless advised that terms mentioned in Mr. Keen's letter were at variance with terms usually carried in contracts. Mr. Keen stated contract terms would be agreeable.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids the four sections of State land in Township 55 South, Range 38 East, based on the foregoing offers from G. N. Schuck. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Mr. Vose Babcock for 5 year extension of Grazing Lease No. 230 dated December 16, 1941, for a period of two years. The lease involves 5200 acres of State land in Hendry County with annual rental of 10 cents an acre. Mr. Babcock states that he has lost use of considerable of this acreage, the United States Government having taken over a portion in connection with National Defense.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 230 to December 16, 1946, under the same terms and conditions, in consideration of the statements made in the foregoing paragraph. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following Resolution was presented to the Trustees and ordered copied into the records:

RESOLUTION

On April 14, 1942, the Board adopted the so-called reciprocal resolution between the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and the Everglades Drainage District, as appears in the minutes of said meeting. Inasmuch as the Trustees Internal Improvement Board adopted the same resolution on June 29, 1942, with the exception of paragraph (5) thereof, on motion of Commissioner Beardsley, seconded by Commissioner McDaniel and carried, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

> "The Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District hereby formally acknowledges acceptance of the resolution passed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida at its meeting held in Tallahassee, Monday, June 29, 1942, as set forth in the certified copy of the Minutes of that meeting which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, and in consideration of the said Trustees having completed those things provided to be done by them under Section 17, of Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, pledges that proper entry will be made upon the tax records of the District to show thereon that all delinquent taxes on lands of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund in the District, described in the list thereof certified by the Trustees to the District on March 11, 1941, have been cancelled as provided in said Section and the District hereby acknowledges the release, cancellation and surrender of certificates of indebtedness of the District held by the Trustees, of bonds and and coupons of the District held by the Trustees, and the release and cancellation of all debt and liability of every kind whatsoever as between the Everglades Drainage District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund existing as of June 29, 1942."

STATE OF FLORIDA }
COUNTY OF DADE } SS

I, K. M. Throop, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said District at a meeting thereof held on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1942, as the same appears of record in the Minutes of said Board.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said District, this 5th day of August, A. D. 1942.

K. M. THROOP
(SEAL) Secretary

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	8/10/42	11
Brevard	8/11/42	28
Broward	8/17/42	22
Charlottee	8/10/42	1
DeSoto	8/10/42	3
Gadsden	8/8/42	5
Hendry	8/7/42	8
Hillsborough	8/4/42	42
Hillsborough	8/5/42	129
Hillsborough	8/17/42	30
Indian River	8/3/42	4
Jefferson	8/3/42	3
Leon	7/13/42	4
Manatee	8/3/42	13
Marion	8/3/42	12
Nassau	8/17/42	10
Orange	8/3/42	4
Pasco	8/4/42	11
Pinellas	7/28/42	33
Suwannee	8/3/42	3
Walton	7/27/42	4
Walton	8/3/42	2
Walton	8/10/42	2
Walton	8/17/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the town of Miami Springs, Florida, for deed to be issued under authority of Chapter 20424, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, conveying the following land formerly owned by the town of Miami Springs:

> Block 92-D, according to amended plat of S/D of Blocks 86 and 92, Section 2 Country Club Estates, Dade County.

Information was that proper evidence of former ownership had been furnished and requirements of the Act complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of Municipal Deed No. 10 in favor of Miami Springs, Dade County, Florida, conveying the Block as above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement across Murphy Act land in Seminole County desired in connection with State Road No. 44.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way across Murphy Act land in Seminole County to be used in connection with the following road:

> Seminole County Road No. 44—Project 955(5535)
> —SRD No. 61

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed and delivered to the State Road Department.

Application was submitted from the United States of America for lease involving the following described land in Sarasota County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

> Block I, Saratona S/D of S½ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County—2.9 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United

States of America covering the land desired in connection with Sarasota-Bradenton Airport, at an annual rental of $1.00 renewable from year to year extending not beyond six months after the end of the present National Emergency. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease authorized executed.

Request was presented from John B. Sutton, Tampa, Florida, General Solicitor for Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, for cancellation of certificate by which title vested in the State to the East 140 feet of Tract 14 in the SW¼ of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County, owned by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Information was furnished by the Comptroller's office that the records in that office disclosed that the Railroad Company returned for assessment the main track right of way through the entire W½ of Section 34, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, for the years 1929 to 1942, inclusive, and that the taxes had been regularly paid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Certificate No. 17392 of 1933, certified to the State under authority of Section 9, Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, and that the Comptroller of the State of Florida be requested to cancel such certificate under authority vested in him. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted, that the Trustees defer action on request from Mr. Tom B. Stewart of DeLand for distribution to Volusia County of its share of proceeds from sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the City of Tallahassee for cancellation of State and County tax sale certificates for the years 1929, 1930 and 1933, certified to the State under provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 18296, affecting a part of Tallahassee City Lots 38 and 41 of Northwest Addition, which form a part of a city street known as PALM COURT.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize the cancellation of the following certificates:

Certificate No. 584 of 1929
Certificate No. 702 of 1930
Certificate No. 1668 of 1933

and that the Comptroller be requested to cancel such certificates under authority vested in him. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following refund check was issued during the month of August, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Carl Maples and Viola Maples c/o Gilbert Langston, C. C. C. Wakulla County Crawfordville, Florida	$77.50

The Secretary reported that there was available for transfer to General Revenue $20,000 from funds under Chapter 18296, and that the Comptroller was being requested to issue warrant in favor of the State Treasurer, as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$20,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
August 28, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Florida Power and Light Company having this date made application to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for right of ways for electrical transmission lines across certain lands, title to which is vested in the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, and the said Company having represented to the Trustees that the construction of said line or lines is necessary for serving the Naval Air Station north and east of the City of DeLand, Florida, and also at another location in or near the City of Melbourne, and the construction of said line or lines is requested by the United States of America for military purposes and uses, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees grant a right of way one hundred (100) feet wide in the standard form to Florida Power and Light Company through the following described land in Volusia County, Florida, or so much thereof as is owned by the State of Florida, for the purposes above described:

> Through the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 35, Township 16 South, Range 30 East, and
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> Through Lots 47, 48, 49 and 58 of Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 30 East,
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> Total length of said line estimated at 3220 feet.

Also a right of way under like conditions through the following land in Brevard County, Florida:

> Through Lots 114, 115, 116, 117, 121 and 122 of Indian River Bluff Amended Plat No. 2.
> Total length of said line estimated at 650 feet.

Consideration for the grant of said right of ways to be at the standard rate of fifty (50) cents per rod. That within thirty (30) days Florida Power and Light Company shall furnish to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund a detailed description of the land including numbers of tax sale certificates by virtue of which title vested in the State, accompanied by plats showing the land through which the lines will pass and the location of the lines through said land, in order that the land description and locations of the lines may be entered upon right of way grant to be issued. Grant to be for such period as the land is occupied by said line or lines and to revert to the State upon discontinuance or abandonment of said line or lines. That pending the issuance of executed right of way grants, the Florida Power and Light Company is authorized to proceed with the construction of said line or lines across the land described.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so orderd.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 15, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

Mr. Elliot presented request from F. F. Morgan, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Gadsden County, addressed to the Comptroller, for cancellation of three certificates which were certified to the State of Florida under Section 9 of Chapter 18296. Representation was made by the Clerk that title to the land covered by Certificates Nos. 97 and 78 was in the United States at the time the certificates were issued and since issuance out of the United States the taxes have been paid; that Certificate No. 222 should be cancelled as the land was redeemed under that part of the Murphy Act in effect prior to June 9, 1939, and this certificate should have been delivered to purchaser at that time. W. P. Shelley of Tallahassee also requested action on the certificates as he was contracting to purchase the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim any interest in the following certificates and certify the same to the Comptroller for proper disposition in his office:

Cert. No. 97—6/4/1900	United States Land
Cert. No. 78—6/3/1901	
Cert. No. 222—8/3/25	Land advertised and redeemed prior to June 9, 1939.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Financial Statements for the month of August are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$ 450.00	
Farm Lease	131.25	
Mineral Lease	112.50	
Grazing Lease	121.28	
Timber Lease	1.38	
Sand and Shell Leases	370.89	
Fishing Camp	37.50	
Refund on Advertisement	18.75	
Store Site	75.00	
Total Receipts for August, 1942	$1,318.55	$ 1,318.55
Balance as of August 1, 1942		174,803.52
GRAND TOTAL		$176,122.07
Less Disbursements for August, 1942		3,562.60
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUG. 31, 1942		$172,559.47

DISBURSEMENTS FOR AUGUST, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Aug. 18,	31726	S. S. Savage	$ 97.30
	31727	E. B. Savage	26.70
	31728	W. B. Granger	13.50
	31729	Levy Co. Board of Co. Comrs.	1,186.46
	31730	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas.	181.54
	31731	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	11.25
	31732	Palm Beach Post	25.50

	31733	The Sunshine Special	41.25
	31734	Southeastern Telephone Co.	5.50
	31735	Broward Abstract Co.	72.00
	31736	R. E. Willis	651.60
	31737	Postmaster, Tallahassee	10.00
31,	33976	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	33977	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
	33978	M. O. Barco	175.00
	33979	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	33980	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	33981	S. S. Savage	100.00
	33982	J. B. Lee	10.00
	33983	E. B. Savage	55.00
	33984	Protective Life Insurance Co.—Ralph D. Newman Agencies	2.95

Total Disbursements for the Month of August, 1942	$3,562.60

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1942

RECEIPTS

August 1, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS	None
August 31, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1942

Balance as of August 1, 1942	$11,062.43
Land Sales for the month	19,643.06
GRAND TOTAL	$30,705.49
Less Disbursements for the month	21,858.96
BALANCE ON HAND AS OF AUG. 31, 1942	$ 8,846.53

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Aug. 1,	21041	Putnam Lumber Co.	$ 20.00
14,	27473	Fred M. Burns	31.60
	27474	Joseph E. Gillen	24.50
	27475	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	135.36
18,	31738	James A. Ellis Co.	27.50
24,	32410	W. C. McNutt	417.50
	32437	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	20,000.00
29,	32499	Carl Maples and Viola Maples	77.50
31,	33985	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	33986	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	33987	Helen Phillips	150.00
	33988	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	33989	John C. Moore	148.13
	33990	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	33991	M. O. Barco	25.00
	33992	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	33993	F. C. Elliott	50.00
	33994	Aetna Life Insurance Co.—Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79

Total Disbursements for the Month of August, 1942 .... $21,858.96

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 22, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

The Secretray presented Minutes of the Trustees dated August 11, 18, 25 and 28, 1942. Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Minutes of the Trustees as presented be approved. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. R. C. Alley, Attorney of West Palm Beach, Florida, and Mr. J. Lewis Hall, Attorney of Tallahassee, on behalf of J. H. Phipps, submitted a written proposal requesting determination of the status of land lying between the Government meander as established in 1854 and the present waters of Lake Jackson. Mr. Alley stated to the Board that on account of the high water mark of the Lake having changed, his client under riparian rights owned the uncovered land on the principle of reliction; that it was not sovereignty land owned by the State of Florida, and that they invited a lawsuit for determining the ownership, such suit to be brought either by the Trustees or Mr. Phipps.

Discussion was had as to the basis of the State's claim to the land; whether or not the State should waive its rights and allow suit to be brought, and whether suit should be brought by the State. The Governor was of the opinion, concurred in by the other members, that by waiving its rights the State would very probably lose the principal ground on which the land was claimed as sovereignty; that by bringing the suit in the name of the State would start a precedent which would have to be followed in numerous other cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General with instructions to defend any suits brought, and that conferences could be had with attorneys for Mr. Phipps in order to bring out questions necessary for determination, but that the suits be brought by the individuals rather than the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Florida Land and Exploration, Incorporated, for adoption of a resolution authorizing suspension of exploration work under their contract dated June 4, 1942, on account of military restrictions. Copy of order from the Southern Defense Command, San Antonio, Texas, designates certain West Florida Counties as military areas.

Pursuant to action taken by the Trustees July 7, agreeing to suspension of operations on military areas upon certain proof, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of July, 1942, The Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., under the terms of its exploration contract made and entered into between said Corporation and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida notified and advised the Trustees that the performance of its exploration contract had been interrupted by an order of the U. S. War Department, and,

WHEREAS, on the 7th day of July, 1942, the Trustees adopted a resolution in which it was provided and resolved as follows:

> "NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the said The Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., will be permitted and authorized to suspend exploration work under said contract on specified territory from which it is specifically excluded by military authority, upon due proof to the Trustees of such exclusion from said territory, and the delay occasioned by such suspension of explorations shall not be counted against the time required in said contract for completing the exploration thereunder," and,

WHEREAS, The Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., has now exhibited to the said Trustees proof of the area included in the exclusion order which areas are as follows: Bay, Escambia, Franklin (West of Apalachicola River), Gulf, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton Counties. However, lands in the counties of Jackson, Calhoun, Washington and Holmes shall not be affected by such order.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., shall not be required to proceed with the performance of the terms of its said exploration contract on the area excluded so long as the said order of exclusion so issued by the authority of the War Department of the United States, or any order of like effect remains or shall be in force and applicable. Such order shall be deemed and held to toll the time for performance of the said exploration contract and The Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., shall have the period of ten (10) months from the date when the ban of the exclusion order or orders applying to said territory shall be vacated or lifted in such manner that said The Florida Land & Exploration, Inc., may lawfully proceed with the performance of the said exploration contract.

Adopted at Tallahassee, Florida, this 22nd day of September, 1942.

Application was presented from Dr. J. H. Corbett of Jasper, Florida, to purchase the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 4 East—40 acres in Hamilton County—for which he offered $239.50.

Mr. Bayless reported that application had been received for the same land from Bryan Harrison, son-in-law of Dr. Corbett, with offer of $300 for the 40 acres, which offer was accepted by the Trustees July 14, 1942. Letter from Dr. Corbett stated that Mr. Harrison was not authorized to make such offer.

The Trustees directed Mr. Bayless to inform Dr. Corbett that the offer of $300 from Mr. Harrison had been accepted and it was expected that sale would be consummated.

Request was submitted from John C. Frazure of Miami, Florida, on behalf of the United States War Department, for 150 foot right of way through the E½ of NE¼ of Section 8, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, Dade County —the land to be used for canal purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the War Department of the United States through the land applied for upon payment of $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented offer of $5 an acre from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Horace King, for the following State land:

> Lot 10 of Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 33 East,
> Containing 59.55 acres in Highlands County.

Information was given that the Trustees own ten additional lots in the same section, and it was suggested that the whole tract be advertised.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise for bids the following described land:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Offer of $275 was presented from C. H. Landerfield, Jr., of Hollywood, Florida, for the following land:

Tract 10 of Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East,

Containing 40 acres in Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Landerfield for the reason that the Field Agent's appraisal places a higher value on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from A. A. Poston, West Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of Stuart B. and Philip B. Iglehart, offering $2.50 an acre for the following described land in St. Lucie County:

Section 24, Township 37 South, Range 37 East. Information from Mr. Bayless was that there was no appraisal on this land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees advertise Section 24, as above for bids and in the meantime have the Field Agent examine the land and furnish report as to its value and character. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Florida Inland Navigation District requesting grants for right of way and maintenance spoil areas in St. Johns and Brevard Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easements in favor of Florida Inland Navigation District to right of way and maintenance spoil areas on parcels designated as follows:

ST. JOHNS COUNTY: Right of Way 500 feet wide embracing the open waters of Matanzas River and swamp and overflowed lands along the westerly bank of said river extending from the northerly terminus of the 500 foot right of way of the Intra-Coastal Waterway—Jacksonville to Miami

—as said right of way and terminus are shown on a map recorded in the public records of St. Johns County in Plat Book 4, Page 75, for a distance of 5.20 miles to a point in the open waters of the Matanzas River.

Also:

BREVARD COUNTY: Maintenance Spoil Area Easement designated as "B-4-A," being a strip or zone 1250 feet wide in the open waters of the Indian River, beginning at the south boundary of MSA-B-4 as said boundary is shown in the public records of Brevard County, Florida, in Deed Book 243 at Page 94.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easements authorized.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the following offers be declined on the ground that appraisals on these parcels were higher than the bids submitted:

T. O. Mann of Sanderson, Florida—Offer of $300 for Lot 9 of Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East, Baker County—38.83 acres;

Prince & McCall, of Lake Butler, Florida—Offer of $200 for S½ of Lot 7, Section 18, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County—40 acres; also offer of $350 for N½ of NE¼ of Section 24, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County —80 acres;

Jessie Gaskins of Wewahitchka, Florida—Offer of $200 for the S½ of Lot 2, Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 9 West—Gulf County—containing 41.91 acres.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offers from T. O. Mann, Prince & McCall and Jessie Gaskins refused.

Proposal was presented from R. K. Lewis of West Palm Beach, Florida, offering ten (10) cents an acre annually for five-year grazing lease on Section 1, Township 44 South, Range 40 East, and Hiatus Lots 1 and 2 between Townships 43/44 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County, with option to purchase at $4 an acre any time during the term of lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to lease the land with option to purchase, but that counter proposal be approved for issuing five-year lease upon annual rental of ten (10) cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from T. R. Jonas of Orlando, Florida, offering $100 for the following described land:

> SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, containing 40 acres in Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline offer of $100 for the land described, the Field Agent having appraised the property considerably higher than the bid. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Proposal was submitted from T. W. Conely, Jr., to purchase the following described State land at a price of $2.50 an acre:

> Lot 2 of Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County, containing 56.52 acres.

Information was furnished that the land is low, wet marsh, and that bid is in line with the appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the offer of $2.50 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Conely, the Field Agent's appraisal being in line with such offer. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered sold.

Mr. Bayless presented application from Kennedy & Harrison of Jasper, Florida, to purchase the following described State land at a price of $3 an acre and $1 an acre respectively:

> NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 15 East,
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> containing 40 acres in Hamilton County;
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> also
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> NE¼ of SW¼, Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 14 East,
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> containing 40 acres in Hamilton County.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the offer of $3 an acre for the first parcel of land be declined on the basis that the appraisal of the Field Agent was higher than the bid, but that offer of $1 an acre for the latter tract be accepted. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $326.00 was presented from W. J. Brooks of Florida City, Florida, for the timber on the following described State land:

> Sections 5, 6 and 7, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County.

The offer being in line with appraisal of the Field Agent, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to accept offer of $326 for the timber on the land described in application from Mr. Brooks. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was received from R. E. Hamrick of Okeechobee, Florida, offering $25 for parcel of lake bottom land containing 2½ acres lying between upland property owned by him in Section 9, Township 38 South, Range 36 East, and the waters of Lake Okeechobee in Okeechobee County, the land being located south and east of the town of Okeechobee, between Conner's Highway and the waters of the Lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the offer of $25 from Mr. Hamrick be accepted for the land applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized.

At the meeting of July 7, 1942, the Trustees agreed to advertise for bids land owned by the State in Highlands County, based on offer from D. V. Palmer to bid not less than $11,180.95 for 821.03 acres on date of sale. The following Notice appeared in the Sebring-American, a newspaper published in Sebring, Florida, August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, July 30, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida offer for sale and will receive competitive bids in Tallahassee, Florida, at 3 o'clock P. M., September 8, 1942, for the following described land in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:

> "Lot 1 Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 37.45 acres.
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> Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, SE¼ of NE¼ and SW¼ of NE¼, Section 14, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 351.13 acres.
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> Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, Section 15, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 213.41 acres.
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> Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, Section 22, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 173 acres.
>
> Lot 1 of Section 23, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, 46.04 acres.
>
> Total 821.03 acres lying and being in Highlands County, State of Florida."

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 1223 and 1224 Revised General Statutes of Florida.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Mr. Bayless submitted the following bids:

> D. V. Palmer, for the entire tract offered $11,180.95;
>
> C. W. O'Berry, for 469.90 acres offered $10 an acre;
>
> Owen L. Godwin, for 469.90 acres offered $5,300.00.

Offer of Mr. Palmer was made subject to a five-year grazing lease in favor of C. W. O'Berry involving 351.13 acres.

Upon comparison of the bids, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the offer of $11,180.95 submitted by Mr. D. V. Palmer. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees defer action on offer of $25 an acre from F. M. Richardson, Lake Worth, Florida, to purchase reclaimed land between his upland property in Section 5, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, and the waters of Lake Osborn in Palm Beach County. The Trustees directed that an appraisal be made of the land and report submitted as soon as possible. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from William T. Hull, LaBelle, Florida, requesting that his Grazing Lease No. 231 be renewed for a period of five years from January 1, 1943, at rental price now being paid—12 cents an acre annually, involving Sections 1, 3 and 11, Township 46 South, Range 32 East, containing 1920 acres in Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees renew Lease No. 231 in favor of William T. Hull for a period of five years from January 1, 1943, at the same rental price of twelve cents an acre annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and renewal authorized.

The following applications were presented from the United States of America:

1. United States Marine Corps, Dunedin, Florida, requests lease on reclaimed land in Section 15, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, lying north of Curlew Creek in Pinellas County; lease to provide for renewal over a period of five (5) years at a nominal consideration of $1 annually.
2. United States War Department, through the South Atlantic Division, desires lease on submerged lands in Sections 32 and 33, Township 67 South, Range 26 East—Monroe County—to be used in connection with Boca Chica Airport near Key West.
3. United States War Department, through John C. Frazure, Project Manager, South Atlantic Division, Miami, Flordia, requests that the Trustees release mineral reservations on 23.3 acres of property at Miami Beach which is being acquired by the Federal Government, originally sold by the State to Alton Beach Realty Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States involving the areas applied for in Pinellas and Monroe Counties, covered in Items 1 and 2 above, and release the mineral reservations held by the State on Miami Beach (Dade County) property in favor of the United States, as applied for in Item 3. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Trans-Florida Pipe Line Company for permit to cross the following Rivers with pipe line being constructed from Carrabelle to Jacksonville:

Carrabelle River
St. Marks River
Wakulla River
Buck Horn Creek
Sopchoppy River
Ochlockonee River
Aucilla River
Suwannee River

Information from the land Department was that ownership of the pipe line would be in the United States but Trans-Florida Pipe Line Company would construct and operate the line; that the lease would be executed in the name of Defense Plant Corporation, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for a nominal consideration of $1 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the Defense Plant Corporation for crossing the above named Rivers with pipe line for transporting gas and oil. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the United States for lease of certain fractional sections of land in Franklin County desired in connection with the Amphibious Training Base on St. James Island. Information was that Franklin County had no record of such fractional sections but a recent survey by the United States disclosed that they actually existed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States of whatever right, title or interest the State might have in the following fractional sections in Franklin County:

Fractional Sections 31 and 32, Township 5 South, Range 2 West;

Fractional Section 5, Township 6 South, Range 2 West;

Fractional Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 3 West.

Lease to be renewable from year to year for the duration of the present emergency plus six months. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Proposal was submitted from Mr. A. R. Richardson for selling land, title to which vested in the State under settlement with Everglades Drainage District pursuant to Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931; the land to be sold at a price agreed on by the Trustees and Mr. Richardson to receive a commission of thirty (30) per cent on all sales made by him with a minimum fee of $5 for any sale.

Mr. Richardson explained that it was his plan to search the County records to ascertain the name of former owner if possible with a view to making sale to him, but in the event that cannot be accomplished to contact other interested parties; that all expenses incident to sales made through his efforts to be borne by him.

The Trustees were agreeable to the proposal in general with the understanding that all correspondence and all things pertaining to the sales be handled through the Trustees' office, on office stationery and signed by the Secretary of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the proposal made by Mr. Richardson to sell land under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates on a commission of thirty (30) per cent, subject to plans being worked out and approved by Mr. Elliot in line with the suggestions as to handling. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Clayton C. Townes for information in reference to sale of Highlands County land consummated by resolution dated May 23, 1939.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded and duly adopted, that the matter be held in abeyance till the next meeting of the Board. It was so ordered.

Mr. Bayless submitted sealed bid from Wilson Cypress Company which was presented September 1, 1942, pursuant to advertisement of cypress timber in Lake and Volusia Counties. A meeting of the Trustees not having been held September 1st, F. C. Elliot, Secretary, and F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk, were present in the Board room at the time advertised in the notice and received the sealed bid from J. V. Walton, representing Wilson Cypress Company.

Upon request of the Chairman, Mr. Bayless opened and read the bid from Wilson Cypress Company in which an offer of $34,000.00 cash was made, accompanied by check in the sum of $5,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees decline offer of $34,000.00 from Wilson Cypress Company and that the check of $5,000.00 accompanying such bid be returned to the Company. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Tax statement of $127.08 was presented representing 1941 Everglades Drainage District taxes on land involved in exchange with the United States in connection with the Seminole Indian Reservation—title to be accepted by the United States upon payment of taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees pay the 1941 Everglades Drainage District taxes on the land involved in the exchange with the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and taxes ordered paid.

The Secretary presented the following list of salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous expenses amounting to $1,583.74:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer		$ 400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk in Land Office—part time		50.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		200.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Compass Man		15.00
Protective Life Insurance Company, Ralph Newman Agencies, for Insurance F. Elgin Bayless		2.95
Joseph E. Gillen, Asst. Atty. General		9.20
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		14.65
Board of County Commissioners Palm Beach County, West Palm Beach		26.86
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer		2.10
Broward Abstract Corporation, Ft. Lauderdale		15.00
R. N. Miller, Abstractor, LaBelle, Fla.		15.00
Glades Title Organization, Moore Haven, Fla.		16.70
Reymond R. Long, Key West, Fla.		24.18
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.		36.00
Palatka Daily News, Palatka, Fla.		10.00

DeLand Publishing Company, DeLand, Fla.	10.00
Sebring American, Sebring, Fla.	10.50
Tampa Daily Times, Tampa, Fla.	31.36
The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Fla.	24.00
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee	7.60
Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Fla.	20.59
D. S. Weeks, Clerk Circuit Court Glades County, Moore Haven, Fla.	10.00
TOTAL	$1,583.74

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills listed above be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296, ACTS OF 1937

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	8/19/42	31
Baker	9/14/42	2
Bay	8/24/42	13
Brevard	9/8/42	23
Charlotte	9/7/42	2
Citrus	8/4/42	5
Citrus	8/11/42	19
Clay	8/1/42	4
Clay	8/22/42	4
Clay	9/5/42	2
Clay	9/12/42	2
Columbia	8/26/42	2
Columbia	9/9/42	4
Dade	8/19/42	39
DeSoto	9/14/42	4
Dixie	8/17/42	1
Dixie	8/24/42	1
Dixie	8/31/42	1
Escambia	8/29/42	9

Flagler	9/7/42	2
Franklin	8/3/42	6
Gadsden	9/16/42	15
Hendry	8/28/42	14
Hillsborough	9/8/42	36
Holmes	7/20/42	1
Holmes	8/3/42	1
Holmes	8/24/42	1
Indian River	9/7/42	4
Jefferson	9/7/42	9
Lafayette	9/4/42	1
Lake	8/10/42	24
Leon	9/7/42	7
Manatee	9/7/42	19
Marion	9/7/42	49
Martin	9/8/42	6
Nassau	8/31/42	5
Nassau	9/14/42	9
Okaloosa	7/27/42	5
Okeechobee	8/20/42	2
Osceola	9/14/42	21
Palm Beach	7/10/42	34
Palm Beach	8/7/42	33
Pasco	9/8/42	9
Polk	7/31/42	28
Putnam	8/1/42	36
Santa Rosa	5/11/42	8
Santa Rosa	6/8/42	2
Santa Rosa	7/6/42	1
Santa Rosa	8/10/42	7
Santa Rosa	9/14/42	3
Sarasota	8/10/42	12
Sarasota	8/24/42	14
St. Johns	8/12/42	12
St. Lucie	9/7/42	4
Sumter	8/10/42	15
Sumter	8/24/42	11
Sumter	9/14/42	15
Volusia	7/20/42	3
Wakulla	8/26/42	2
Walton	8/31/42	2
Walton	9/7/42	6
Washington	7/28/42	6

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted for approval of the following Correction deeds:

> Dade County Deed No. 1876-COR.—To correct name of Grantee from D. J. Nichols to D. J. Nikolas.
>
> Dade County Deed No. 1048-COR.—To DuVane Corporation for correcting erroneous description.
>
> Dade County Deed No. 1142-COR.—To DuVane Corporation for correcting erroneous description.
>
> Leon County Deed No. 187-COR.—To John W. Poore, A. D. Carrouth and James J. Allred—rewritten to correct misspelled names.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that Correction Deeds Nos. 1876-COR., 1048-COR., and 1142-COR. for Dade County and Leon County Deed No. 187-COR. be approved for execution and delivery. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the deeds ordered executed.

Application was presented from the City of Hialeah under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, for deed to property formerly owned by the City. Information was presented that proper evidence of former ownership had been furnished and all requirements of the law complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve for execution Municipal Deed No. 11 in favor of the City of Hialeah, conveying the following described land:

> Tract 56, Bougainvilla Manor, Section 6, Township 53 South, Range 41 East—10 acres, lying and being in Dade County, Florida.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the City of Key West, under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, for deed to property formerly owned by said City. Information was furnished that proper evidence of former ownership had been filed with the Trustees and all requirements of Chapter 20424 complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees approve for execution Municipal Deed No. 12 in favor of the City of Key West, conveying the following described land:

Pt. Lots 4, 5, Sqr 3, G5-266, G4-41 (R Page 1 & 9) As recorded in Monroe County Records

Lot 2 Sqr 4 Tr 10, B3-578 (B2 Page 183) Monroe County Records

Lot 3 Sqr 4 Tr 10, B3-582 (TT-156, A of W-261) Monroe County Records

Lots 5 & 6 Sqr 5 Tr 10 B3-478 (A4-581/5) Monroe County Records

Lot 7 Sqr 5 Tr 10, B3-584 (R-184) Monroe County Records

Pt Lot 8 Sqr 5 Tr 10, B3-578/81, A2-60 (A4-582/5) Monroe County Records

(Pt. Lot 1, Sec. 27, Twp 67, Range 25, Stock Island,)

(Pt. Lot 4, Sec. 35, Twp 67, Range 25, Stock Island,)

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easement through Murphy Act land in Hillsborough County required in connection with State Road No. 341.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement in favor of the State Road Department for right of way through Hillsborough County land in connection with the following Road:

Hillsborough County Road No. 341—Project—5591—SRD No. 109.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed.

Application was submitted for release of a portion of the right of way reserved in Clay County Deed No. 23 dated November 22, 1940, executed in favor of A. Z. Adkins. Information was furnished that the State Road Department recommended release of a portion of the right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute Clay County Quitclaim Deed No. 23 in favor of A. Z. Adkins, releasing the Easterly 50 feet of reservation contained in Deed No. 23 dated November 22, 1940. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed ordered executed.

The Secretary presented application from the United States for lease on Murphy Act land in Lake County desired in connection with the 350th Coast Artillery Searchlight Battalion near Eustis, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States covering the following described lots in Lake County, Florida:

> Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, Block 7, according to revised plat of Northshore S/D Eustis, Florida, as filed for record in Plat Book 5, Page 64, Public Records of Lake County, Florida,

such lease to be renewable from year to year for the duration of the present National emergency and six months beyond. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease authorized executed.

Request was submitted from Lieutenant O. W. Munz, Commanding Officer, Naval Training Station, Melbourne, Florida, through the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County, for permit to remove rock, soil, gravel or other material for use of the United States in connection with establishment of the Naval Air Station at Melbourne, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the United States authorizing removal of material requested from the following described land in Brevard County:

> Lots 2 to 8, Block 8
> Lots 1 to 9, Black 87
> Magnolia Park,
> and
> Lots 1, 2, 3, Shadow Lawn Subdivision,
> City of Melbourne.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease authorized executed.

Letter was presented from the Attorney General with reference to Murphy Act land on which the United States filed Declaration of Taking, and subsequent to such filing date, sale which had been advertised was consummated.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer action on the letter from the Attorney General until the next meeting. It was so ordered.

Request was presented from the Clerk of the Circuit Court, through the Comptroller's Office, for cancellation of the following certificates in Wakulla County:

Cert. Pt. No. 326—12-5-1932
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Cert. Pt. No. 100— 7-2-1934

which certificates cover property owned by Octavia Brooks, colored. Statement from the Clerk was that applicant has been a widow since 1913 with a family dependent upon her and was entitled to widow's exemption during the years for which certificates were issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees disclaim ownership in the land under Chapter 18296, and recommend to the Comptroller that the certificates as above be cancelled. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee and duly adopted, that the following list of salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills mounting to $1,378.21 be approved and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

The Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	$ 1.53
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee	1.38
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee	18.00
Comptroller of the State of Florida	47.30
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	1.75
Merritt Brown Company, Jacksonville	3.00
Lewis W. Petteway, Ass't Atty. Gen.	42.75
Carl Abernathy, Jacksonville, Florida	21.50
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	30.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala	53.60
The Franklin Press, Inc., Miami	32.40
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk	250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper	200.00
Helen Phillips, Clerk-Steno	150.00

Mary Evans Voss, Clerk-Steno		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Steno		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk-Steno		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Ralph D. Newman Agencies		4.79
TOTAL		$1,378.21

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
September 29, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Mr. Bayless presented offer from James M. Gibbs of Miami of $200 a year for ten year grazing lease on the following land:

646.74 acres in Sections 34 and 35, Township 51 South, Range 41 East, Dade County.

Field Agent's report shows this to be muck land lying North of Snake Creek canal, valued at $50 an acre and located in the ten cents drainage tax zone.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to authorize lease for a term of ten years, but make counter proposal to lease the area applied for on a yearly basis upon payment of $200 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Louis Ambler of Arcadia, Florida, on behalf of Bee Ranch Cattle Company, offering $1,333.00 for the following land:

SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 4;
SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 18;
W½ and SE¼ of Section 30,
Township 42 South, Range 28 East,
Containing 560 acres in Glades County.

Above land located from seven to thirteen miles of LaBelle. Field Agent's appraisal values the land at $1,333.00.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land applied for by Mr. Ambler for highest bids based on his offer of $1,333. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised for bids.

Request for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 114 was submitted from G. W. Coward of Christmas, Florida, covering the SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 24, Township 22 South, Range 33 East, containing 40 acres in Orange County. Offer of $10 was made for renewal of one year on the basis of 25 cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees renew Grazing Lease No. 114 in favor of G. W. Coward for a period of one year upon payment of twenty-five cents an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the lease ordered renewed.

Offer of $17.50 an acre was presented from Mrs. T. D. Hux of Okeechobee, Florida, for 135 acres of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from Mrs. Hux of $17.50 an acre for the land in Okeechobee County applied for by her. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was submitted from Prince and McCall of Lake Butler, Florida, offering $484 for timber on the following State land:

> N½ of NE¼ of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, Union County.

The offer being in line with appraised value of the timber, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $484 from Prince and McCall for the timber applied for. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Mark R. Tenant of Miami, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on approximately 67 acres of lake bottom land lying adjacent to upland property owned by him in Section 28, Township 41 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, with offer of ten cents an acre for the first year, fifteen cents an acre for the second and third years and twenty cents an acre for the fourth and fifth years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to lease the land for five years at the price offered by Mr. Tenant, but counter proposal was made to lease the tract at a price of 25 cents an acre for a period of one year. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that notice had been received from the War Department that Newport Industries, Inc., of Pensacola, Florida, had applied for permit to construct a bulkhead on Bayou Chico approximately 300 feet southwest of Frisco railroad bridge near Pensacola, and fill for the bulkhead would be taken from submerged areas adjoining; that it was customary for the Trustees to file objections to granting of permit until applicant had made satisfactory arrangements to purchase fill from the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Bayless file protest on behalf of the Trustees to granting of War Department permit pending arrangements between applicant and the State. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Letter was submitted from J. Mark Wilcox on behalf of Cellulose Fiber Company, for deed to 1000 acres of land under their Contract No. 18698.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted to defer action on this matter until next meeting of the board.

Mr. Bayless reported that attention of the Conservation Department had been called to dredging operations in Ochlockonee River under direction of the United States Engineers, resulting in the removal of oyster bars with live oysters; that upon request from the Agent of the State that dredging be discontinued in the live oyster bars, Major Brown of the United States Engineers, Mobile, Alabama, directed that the work continue as the material was needed for defense work.

Motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, was that the Trustees approve action taken by Mr. Bayless and that the United States Engineers be informed of the State laws on the subject and request that they cooperate in the protection of live oyster beds. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296—MURPHY ACT

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration by the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	9/7/42	4
Dixie	9/14/42	2
Hardee	9/7/42	18
Hernando	7/25/42	2
Hernando	8/5/42	4
Hernando	8/10/42	1
Hernando	8/15/42	2
Hernando	8/15/42	13
Hernando	9/5/42	7
Hernando	9/14/42	4
Hernando	7/11/42	2
Hillsborough	9/21/42	29
Holmes	9/7/42	1
Orange	9/7/42	6
Polk	8/29/42	19

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented for Duval County correction deed in favor of Laura F. Beeghly for the purpose of clarifying the description contained in original deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Duval County Correction Deed No. 1164 in favor of Laura F. Beeghly in order to clarify the description contained in original Deed No. 1164. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized executed.

Application was presented from the United States, Headquarters Fighter Command School, Orlando, Florida, for lease on Lake County land, title to which came to the State under Chapter 18296, to be used in connection with the Fighter Command School.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States on the following described land in Lake County to be used in connection with the Fighter Command School at Orlando, Florida:

> Tract 9, Lake Highlands Company Plats, Section 28, Township 22 South, Range 26 East—10 acres,

lease to extend not beyond six months from the end of the present National Emergency. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed.

Request was submitted from Volusia County for right of way easement through Murphy Act land to be used in widening a county road designated as Eighth Street in the town of Holly Hill.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue Easement for right of way in favor of Volusia County across Murphy Act lands lying within twenty-five feet of the center line of Eighth Street as now established in the town of Holly Hill. Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized issued.

The Secretary submitted letter from Raney, Raney and Anderson, on behalf of The J. R. Chambliss Company of Tampa, Florida, making application for permit to remove muck from two parcels of land in Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296. Statement was made that the Chambliss Company is under contract with the Army to furnish muck to MacDill Field, and the two parcels in question are muck ponds in what is known as Interbay Tract No. 1, located about 3½ miles from the city limits of Tampa. Offer of $480 was made for removal of muck not exceeding 6000 cubic yards.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of J. R. Chambliss Company, covering a period of ninety days, for removing muck from two parcels of land owned by the State in Section 16, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, listed under Certificates No. 3071 of 1929 and No. 5951 of 1932—payment to be at the rate of eight (8) cents per cubic yard. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in Escambia and Okaloosa Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easements in favor of the State Road Department through Murphy Act land in connection with the following State highways:

Escambia County
  Road No. 341—Project 5532—SRD No. 144
Okaloosa County
  Road No. 33—Project 652—SRD No. 11

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easements ordered executed.

The following report was presented from the Committee appointed to act on Special Cases under the Murphy Act:

September 15, 1942

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
CAPITOL

Re: Murphy Sales in Special Cases Held
Up Because of Insufficient Bids.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee undersigned, having examined the list of properties submitted to it by the

Secretary-Engineer of your board, representing Murphy land sales for prices considered insufficient, does hereby recommend the sale of said lands for the minimum base bid shown upon sheets numbering from 105 to 157, dealing separately on each sheet with each separate tract, the said sheets being made to accompany this report and enclosed herewith.

We also are filing a master sheet of these separate tracts, numbering from 105 to 157, and each item on the master sheet having its corresponding listing on one of the separate sheets first above referred to herein.

As stated, we recommend the authorization by the Trustees of the sale of the lands involved by separate tracts, for the minimum base bid shown on each sheet under the line of "Committee Recommends."

Respectfully yours,

NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture

J. EDWIN LARSON
Treasurer

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve report of the Committee on the special cases as above and affirm action taken by said Committee. Upon vote the motion was carried.

Letter dated September 14th was presented from the Attorney General, having reference to Murphy Act land in Monroe County involved in suit filed by the United States.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on letter from Mr. Watson be deferred until such time as he could be present. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action be deferred on trespass cases in Putnam and Sarasota Counties. Upon vote the motion was adopted and consideration of such cases deferred.

Letter was presented from George E. Evans, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, reporting that several parcels of land in his County had been off the tax rolls since 1925 and asking if such parcels could be handled as State land although not certified to the State under Chapter 18296.

It was suggested that the land in question might be placed on the tax roll and back asssessed, as it did not appear that the State had any interest in the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the letter from Mr. Evans be referred to the Comptroller for handling. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from Sarasota County for lower base bid on ten acres of land in Deer Creek Park Unit No. 2, Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 20 East, applied for by J. E. Bartlett.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to refer application from Mr. Bartlett to the Special Case Committee for action and report. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from A. M. Chisholm, on behalf of J. M. Parker of St. Cloud, Florida, for grazing lease on approximately 50 acres of Murphy Act land in Osceola County with offer of fifteen (15) cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize one-year grazing lease on the land applied for by Mr. Chisholm upon payment of fifteen cents an acre, lease to be subject to regular sale of the land under the Murphy Act. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered issued.

Letter was presented from Ira C. Haycock of Miami, Florida, having reference to reservation for mineral rights in Trustees' deed issued years ago. Information was that grantee under Trustees' deed or successor thereto, allowed the land to revert to the State under Chapter 18296 and on September 8, 1941, Murphy Act deed was executed in favor of W. M. Steil. Mr. Steil desires to know whether or not the Trustees now have any interest in the mineral reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the question raised by Mr. Haycock be referred to the

Attorney General for opinion. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Consideration of requests for cancellation of Murphy Act certificates was deferred until next meeting.

Letter was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County making application to puchase the timber rights for standing pine timber on the following described parcels of land under Chapter 18296:

> All Lots in Turnbull Shores and the Subdivision of Islesboro, Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 33 East;
>
> Sections 5 and 6, Township 18 South, Range 34, East;
>
> Volusia County,

containing approximately seventy thousand board feet. Information was furnished that the Government was ready to file declaration of taking on this land in connection with airport purposes and the timber would have to be removed. $4.50 to $5.00 per thousand was offered for the timber.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees sell the standing pine timber on the land above described to the County Commissioners of Volusia County at a price of $5 per thousand feet. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 6, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of $425.64 from T. O. Mann for the following described land in Baker County:

> Lot 9 of Section 36, Township 2 South, Range 20 East—38.83 acres.

The Field Agent having placed a similar value on the Lot, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $425.64 for the Lot applied for by Mr. Mann. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

Mr. J. Velma Keen of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of his client, G. N. Schuck, made application August 25, 1942, to purchase four sections of land in Dade County and submitted offers of $7.50, $3 and $2 an acre. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in the Miami Daily News in the issues of September 4, 11, 18, 25 and October 2, 1942:

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and receive competitive bids at Tallahassee, Florida, October 6, 1942, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the following described land in DADE County, Florida:

> Sections 27, 28, 29 and 30, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 270.08 and 270.09 Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor.

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Information was that no other bids had been received and the offers submitted by Mr. Keen were in line with appraisal placed on the land by the Field Agent.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the offers made by Mr. Keen as follows:

Section 27—$7.50 an acre
Section 28— 3.00 an acre
Section 29— 2.00 an acre
Section 30— 2.00 an acre

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. J. V. Keen, on behalf of G. N. Schuck of Miami, applied to purchase other land owned by the State: Sections 31, 32, 33 and W½ of 34, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, and agreed to pay the appraised value. Request was that the land be advertised as soon as appraisal could be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land applied for as soon as appraisal is made, conditioned that client of Mr. Keen will bid not less than the appraised value on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees August 18, 1942, upon application from Fitz Williams of Sebring, Florida, offering $5 an acre for land in Highlands County, the following Notice was published in the Sebring-American, a newspaper published in Sebring, Florida, in the issues of September 4, 11, 18, 25, October 2, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, August 31, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and receive competitive bids at Tallahassee, Florida, October 6, 1942, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the following described land in HIGHLANDS County, Florida:

Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12 and 13, Section 25,
Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, and SE¼ of NW¼, Section 36
All in Township 37 South, Range 33 East,
Containing 371.35 acres in Highlands County.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Offer of $5 an acre from Fitz Williams was submitted for all the land advertised. Offer of $100 was presented from Leo Bonner for Lot 7 of Section 25, as advertised.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $5 an acre from Fitz Williams for the land described in the foregoing notice. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, to decline offer from Leo Bonner of $100 for Lot 7 of Section 25, Township 37 South, Range 33 East, Highlands County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer declined.

Mr. Bayless presented letter from Mr. J. Mark Wilcox, on behalf of Cellulose Fiber Company, requesting deed to 1000 acres of land involved in Contract No. 18698. Contract provides for reduction in price from $15 to $10 an acre for areas planted to ramie and Mr. Wilcox states that 600 acres had been planted to ramie but owing to June floods a good portion was drowned and was now being replanted; that Mr. Wilcox was requesting information as to whether the credit of $5 an acre accrued at time of planting of ramie or whether it would apply only to that area on which ramie was growing at the time of taking title.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Company had made application to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for a loan but the loan would not be made until the Company had procured deed to the land; that they were applying for deed to 1000 acres upon payment of $10 an acre for 600 acres and $15 an acre for 400 acres.

Mr. Mayo was agreeable to issuing deed to the Company for 1000 acres upon payment of $15 an acre with the understanding that when the land was placed in proper condition to grow ramie, the reduction of $5 an acre would be allowed; that since the land was not properly drained when it was planted and would have to be adequately drained before ramie could be grown successfully, he was in favor of giving the Company another chance.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to convey the 1000 acres upon the terms offered by Mr. Wilcox but that deed be issued upon payment of $15 an acre with the understanding that when the land is placed in proper condition for growing ramie successfully that the Company be given the benefit of the reduction. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $405.50 was presented from F. H. Fissell of Branford, Florida, for one year timber lease on the following State land:

> S½ of Lots 2 and 6, Section 27, Township 5 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, to accept offer from Mr. Fissell of $405.50 for one-year timber lease on land described in Suwannee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees September 29, protest had been filed to granting of War Department Permit in favor of Newport Industries pending arrangements with the Trustees for use of sovereignty land owned by the State; that letter had been received from Mr. Phillip D. Beall, representing Newport Industries, offering $50 for the sovereignty land containing approximately 0.88 of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept $50 for the 0.88 of an acre, plus cost of advertisement for objections as required by law, upon metes and bounds description being furnished by client of Mr. Beall; also that authority be given for withdrawal of protest to War Department Permit. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that the question of payment to Clerks of the Circuit Courts for proper entries on Everglades Drainage District tax records in connection with cancellation of Everglades Drainage District delinquent taxes on Trustees' lands, as provided in Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, had been discussed with Mr. Alfred E. Sapp, Attorney for Everglades Drainage District, and Mr. Sapp stated that where private land owners had come in and paid back taxes such owners had paid the Clerk of the Circuit Court for cancellation and other costs in connection therewith. Mr. Elliot stated that as to lands of the Trustees, Section 17 of the above chapter automatically cancelled and annulled all back taxes when the Trustees had done the things required of them by said Section; that it would appear, under agreement with the District, as an obligation of the District to see that this record of cancellation be shown on the District's tax records.

Discussion was had as to the probable cost if the Trustees were to pay Clerks for cancellation of all certificates covering their lands and it was estimated that it would run into thousands of dollars at the prevailing rate of ninety (90) cents for each certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for examining into the subject and determining what should be the proper course to pursue. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented letter from the Attorney General to the Trustees, having reference to land owned by the Trustees under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate, on which land the United States had filed Declaration of Taking; that deed conveying the title had been issued in favor of former owner in order that such owner might deal direct with the United States. Mr. Elliot recommended that the deed be allowed to stand as there were several equities represented and if the award from the Federal Government were divided there would be very little coming to the State.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees allow deed conveying land under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificate in Palm Beach County to stand as recommended by the Secretary. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Talbot Whitfield, Jr., Attorney of Tallahassee, representing Defense Plant Corporation, came before the Trustees for the purpose of procuring right of way for oil pipe line through Murphy Act land in Suwannee County. Request at this time was for right of way 22 rods in length but it was stated that additional applications would be presented from time to time as it was contemplated that the line would run from Jacksonville to Carrabelle and would probably cross other State lands; that the line would be commenced in Suwannee County and built in both directions. Offer of twenty-five (25) cents per rod was made for right of way, which was the price being paid private individuals. The Secretary stated that the price heretofore charged for similar right of ways was 50 cents per rod.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo that under the circumstances the Trustees authorize easement for right of way as applied for by Defense Plant Corporation upon payment of twenty-five (25) cents per rod; R/W to be 15 feet wide on each side of center line of the route and covered by Certificate No. 266 of 1933. Seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed.

The following letter dated September 14, 1942, was presented from the Attorney General:

September 14, 1942

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
CAPITOL

Re: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Square No. 5,
Tract No. 10, Key West, Florida.

Gentlemen:

On July 16, 1942, the above described lands were taken under judgment on declaration of taking filed by the United States in the District Court at Key West. On August 20, 1942, copy of the declaration of taking was filed in this office, and on August 25, 1942, the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Key West, Florida, was advised that if the lands were Murphy Act lands they should not be offered for sale. On August 29, 1942, these lands were deeded to the City of Key West (Municipal Deed No. 12). The consideration paid for these lands by the city was $3.00 to the Trustees and $31.25 to the school fund. We are not advised of the valuation placed on the lands by the federal government, however, the assessed value for 1932 was $500.00. The above deed to the City of Key West contained other lands in addition to the above described lands.

Under the Murphy Act the lands within its purview became vested in the State of Florida with power in the Trustees to convey the same for the State. Title to the lands was in the State and not the Trustees. When the property was taken by the federal government under the judgment on declaration of taking title was divested from the State of Florida and became vested in the United States Government. Therefore, when the deed was made on August 29, 1942, there was no title in the state to be conveyed and the money paid, or to be paid into court was substituted for the land and nothing remained for the Trustees except to collect the money to be awarded by the federal government. The only effect of the deed to the City of Key West, if effective for any purpose, would be to authorize the city to collect the award from the government, and I know of no express authority authorizing the Trustees to assign the State's claim under these circumstances, their only authority being to convey the lands.

Will the trustees please advise whether or not claim should be filed in behalf of the State for the award made or to be made by the District Court in the matter.

Yours very truly,

J. TOM WATSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Mr. Elliot reported that there were other cases similar to the one in Monroe County where the amount received as award from the Federal Government would be less than that which would be received under the Murphy Act sale; that in earlier instances the award was greater, but after the Trustees began to let the United States have the land for $1 a year, the awards were reduced.

Information was furnished that the Secretary had issued instructions to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Monroe County to not accept applications for purchase of lands included in condemnation proceedings; that in the instant case the deed in favor of the City of Key West was still in the hands of the Trustees, and it was suggested that the City's offer for the lots in question be rejected whereupon the Trustees could file claim for the award made by the United States.

Mr. Watson moved that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be approved and that the bid of the City of Key West on Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Square No. 5, Tract No. 10, Key West, Florida, be rejected. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

In a discussion of cases similar to that of Key West, that might come up in the future, it was the opinion of the Trustees that each one should be considered separately on its own merit. It was so ordered.

Mr. Watson reported that there was $60,000.00 on deposit in the State Treasury coming from property taken under condemnation proceedings by the United States; that it should be determined what proportion involved Trustees Internal Improvement Fund land and how much would be applicable to Murphy Act land; that if there should be any difficulty in arriving at proper identification of the same, the numerous records in his office relating to the land might be of assistance.

The subject was discussed but no action taken.

The Secretary presented the following cases where trespass had been committed on land under Chapter 18296:

PUTNAM COUNTY—Trespass committed by C. L. Conway, Palatka, Florida, consisting of removal of timber from Sections 14 and 22, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, amounting to 32,960 feet of timber, according to Field Agent's report, for which the Trustees rendered him statement dated August 19, in the sum of $329.60.

Trespass committed by J. T. Miller Turpentine Company, Palatka, Florida, involving turpentine trespass on Sections 22 and 23, Township 10 South, Range 24 East, covering 648 cups worked for a period of five (5) years, according to report of the Field Agent, for which the Trustees rendered bill dated August 19, in the sum of $324.00.

Trespass committed by D. L. Chessler of Interlachen, Florida, consisting of removal of timber from Section 35, Township 12 South, Range 27 East, amounting to 7,603 feet, according to report from the Field Agent.

SARASOTA COUNTY—Trespass committed by Charles Williams of Sarasota, Florida, covering removal of timber from Lots 1 to 26, Block C, Boulevard Park, Section 16, Township 37 South, Range 18 East.

Mr. Elliot reported that application had been filed and bids deposited with the Clerk of the respective counties on certain portions of the land involved in the trespass cases; that in the case of Sarasota County Mr. Williams had made application to purchase and immediately cut and remove the timber. Recommendation was that the bids be held in abeyance pending settlement by trespassers and upon receipt of payment the Trustees then accept bids for the land.

Mr. Mayo offered a motion that the sale of the lands involved in the trespass report be held in abeyance until the timber had been paid for at its full value, then accept applications to purchase the land. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

The Attorney General stated that there was a Dade County case similar to the above and he would recommend criminal prosecution in that instance. Upon discussion, it was the feeling of the Trustees that if the trespasser would pay for the products removed it would be preferable to a lawsuit, then the land could be sold to the parties involved who had submitted acceptable bids.

With reference to turpentine trespass by J. T. Miller Company, protest was filed by Mr. Miller to payment of ten cents per cup. The trees having been worked for the past five years it was the opinion of the Trustees that the price was reasonable. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees require payment on the basis of ten cents (10c) per cup. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the War Department, South Atlantic Division, Miami, Florida, for authority to use the following described land which came to the State under Chapter 18296:

Lot 3, Block 138, Country Club Estates No. 2 Miami Springs, Florida, covered by Cert. No. 16192, Sale of 1933.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that lease in the usual form be executed in favor of the United States, to be renewable from year to year, no renewal to extend beyond six months from the end of the present National Emergency. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered prepared.

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	9/23/42	23
Bay	9/21/42	10
Broward	9/21/42	17
Dade	9/16/42	29
Gadsden	9/30/42	6
Gulf	9/28/42	2
Hamilton	9/21/42	2
Holmes	9/21/42	3
Lee	7/13/42	23
Leon	9/25/42	1
Okeechobee	10/1/42	1
Palm Beach	9/11/42	20
Volusia	9/7/42	86
Wakulla	4/18/42	2
Wakulla	9/17/42	4
Wakulla	9/24/42	2

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was submitted from the War Department for 100 foot railroad right of way across land owned by the State, described as follows:

> In the E¼ of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 24, Township 32 South, Range 28 East, Polk County—Certificate No. 11068 of 1932.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson that the Trustees grant 100 foot right of way as requested by the War Department through Murphy Act land in Polk County and that lease be prepared for execution. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented list of lands, to which were attached requests from Clerks of the Circuit Courts to the Comptroller, asking for cancellation of State and County Tax certificates. Such certificates having been certified to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, the Secretary recommended that the certificates be reported to the Comptroller for cancellation as in his opinion they did not evidence valid liens against the property.

The Attorney General suggested that even though the certificates listed did not properly place title in the State under the Murphy Act, there might be outstanding other certificates that were valid and therefore in making disclaimer to the Comptroller such disclaimer should be as to the tax sale certificate and not as to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the disclaimer be confined strictly to the certificates and under such certificates the Trustees claimed no equity. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the list ordered certified to the Comptroller.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 7, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met this day in the office of the Governor, Capitol Building.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor-Chairman.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Earl D. Farr, County Attorney for Charlotte County, presented request on behalf of the County to purchase certain lands to be used by the United States as an airport for the duration of the war. Afterwards the airport is proposed to be operated by the county.

Mr. Farr stated that it was necessary for the County to acquire title in order that lease may be made to the

United States and agreement reached as to County operation when taken over by it.

The land desired to be acquired from the State covers the following:

Cert. No. and Date	Description
1288 of 1933	SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 10
1312 of 1933	NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 15
1315 of 1933	E¾ of N½ of SE¼ of NE¼ Sec. 15
1316 of 1933	W½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of NE¼ Sec. 15
1317 of 1933	(Pt) S½ of SE¼ of NE¼ of Sec. 15
1319 of 1933	W½ of NW¼ of NE¼ of Sect. 15

All in Tp. 41 S., Rg. 35 E., Charlotte County—

Mr. Farr requested that the Trustees permit the County to acquire the lands under regular Murphy Act procedure except that time limit between advertising date and sale date be reduced to ten (10) days.

Mr. Mayo moved that request of Mr. Farr on behalf of Charlotte County be granted, provided it was understood that every effort would be made to notify the former owner under the rule of the Trustees, to which Mr. Farr agreed. Whereupon the motion was seconded by Mr. Larson and duly adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 13, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

The Attorney General presented the following written opinion which the Trustees requested October 6 on the question of fees charged by the Clerks for making notation on the records of cancellation of tax certificates against State land:

October 12, 1942

Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
CAPITOL

Gentlemen:

In response to the reference made by you to me of whether or not cancellation of recorded Everglades Drainage District tax certificates against lands of the Internal Improvement Fund should be charged for by the clerks of the courts making such cancellation and, if so, by whom such charge should be paid, that is, whether by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund or the Everglades Drainage District, I respectfully advise that in my opinion under Section 17 of Chapter 20658, Acts of 1941, the cancellation of these tax certificates is effected by operation of law. I do not believe that this Act contemplated that any fee should be paid to the clerks of the circuit courts for making a notation upon their records that such tax certificates had been cancelled.

We have had many previous acts of the legislature cancelling taxes up to certain dates and in these cases the clerks have simply noted by the use of a rubber stamp on their records that cancellation had been accomplished by such and such a legislative act, for which service they have never made any charge that I have ever heard of. It seems to me that a repetition of this procedure would be proper in the instant case.

If there is any charge to be paid for this service, certainly under the 1941 Act (Chapter 20658) no responsibility exists on the part of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to pay the same, but such payment will have to be made by the Everglades Drainage District.

Sincerely yours,

J. TOM WATSON
Attorney General

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Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that copy of opinion of the Attorney General be furnished the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District and a copy sent to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in each of the eleven counties in Everglades Drainage District. Upon vote the motion was adopted and suggestions of the Attorney General approved.

Mr. Bayless submitted offer of $157.00 from Kennedy and Harrison of Jasper, Florida, for the following described land:

> NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 15 East, containing 40 acres in Hamilton County.

The Field Agent having appraised the land at $157.00, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept $157 for the land applied for by Kennedy and Harrison. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Foremost Properties, Inc., of Penney Farms, Florida, to purchase the following described land in Clay County:

> NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 24 East, containing 46 acres, and
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> SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 24 East, containing 40 acres.

Offer of $294 was made for the land, which was in line with appraisal from the Field Agent.

Action was deferred on the application pending examination and report from Mr. Bayless as to whether the land might be needed in expansion of Camp Blanding. It was so ordered.

Offer of $311.50 was presented from Jesse Gaskin of Wewahitchka, Florida, for

> S½ of Lot 2, Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, containing 40 acres in Gulf County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $311.50 for the land applied for by Jesse Gaskin, such price being equal to appraised value. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Joe White, representing Richlands, Inc., for appointment with the Trustees to consider renewal of lease on Pelican Bay land.

There being only three members present a definite date could not be arranged at this time.

Application was presented from Wm. E. Thompson, on behalf of J. L. Lightsey, to purchase 120 acres of Hillsborough County land in Section 32, Township 27 South, Range 17 East. Title to the land vested in the Trustees through foreclosure by the County under Chapter 14572 with Decree amounting to $364.65—appraised value in 1941, $3 an acre. Offer from Mr. Lightsey—$2 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the matter be referred to the County Commissioners to Hillsborough County with request for recommendation as to whether price of $2 an acre would be acceptable to the County, in view of the County's equity in the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $150 was submitted from Emma Jane Albritton, Sarasota, Florida, for the following land, title to which came to the State under Chapter 14572:

> E½ of Lot 4, Block 2, Bee Ridge Farms, Section 17, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County.

The Secretary reported that the offer was more than ten per cent above amount of decree and recommended acceptance of the bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept $150 for the land described above. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the sale authorized.

Mr. Elliot presented memorandum of telephone conversation with I. Walter Hawkins, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Volusia County, making application on behalf of the United States for permission to remove shell from a pit located in Fractional Sections 25 and 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Lake County, and pending issuance of lease, requested that the Trustees authorize the Federal Government to commence removal of the shell as it was an emergency case.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that upon receipt of proper application from an authorized agent of the United States, giving the location from which shell will be taken and the period to be covered, lease be executed to the United States; that pending issuance of lease authority be granted for the Government to commence operations in the shell pit. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Mayo reported that following action of the Trustees October 6, Mr. Bayless had made examination of the land covered by Contract No. 18698 in favor of Cellulose Fiber Company and found that the 600 acres on which credit of $5 an acre was requested had been planted to ramie but was drowned out by June rains owing to inadequate drainage; that re-planting was being carried out as rapidly as possible and he believed sufficient work had been done to justify the reduction on the 600 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow credit of $5 an acre on the 600 acre tract based on the development report from Mr. Bayless. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The following expense account was presented and upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, the bill was approved and authorized transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrant be issued in payment therefor:

F. Elgin Bayless, Tallahassee, Florida..........$78.80

Financial Statements for the month of September are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$2,806.14
Land Sale—Dade County—Under Chapter 14717	5.00
Land Sale—Palm Beach County—Under Chapter 14572	38.96
Fishing Camps	75.00
Timber Leases	2,736.90
Grazing Leases	45.72
Shell Leases	243.30
Mineral Leases	75.00

Refund of Deposit in Litigation Cases, by C. C. C. of St. Lucie Co.	10.10	
Refund from C. C. C. Palm Beach Co., account of overpayment in foreclosure suit	10.44	
Total Receipts for September, 1942	$6,046.56	$ 6,046.56
Balance as of September 1, 1942		172,559.47
Grand Total		$178,606.03
Less Disbursements for September, 1942		1,710.82
Balance on Hand as of September 30, 1942		$176,895.21

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Sept. 23,	52161	Jos. E. Gillen A. A. G.	$ 9.20
	52162	W. B. Granger	14.65
	52163	Board of Co. Comrs. P. B. Co.	26.86
	52164	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	2.10
	52165	Broward Abstract Corp.	15.00
	52166	R. N. Miller	15.00
	52167	Glades Title Organization	16.70
	52168	Reymond R. Lord	24.18
	52169	The Okeechobee News	36.00
	52170	Palatka Daily News	10.00
	52171	DeLand Publishing Co.	10.00
	52172	Sebring American	10.50
	52173	Tampa Daily Times	31.36
	52174	Florida Times Union	24.00
	52175	Southeastern Telephone Co.	7.60
	52176	Glades County Democrat	20.59
	52177	D. S. Weeks, C. C. C.	10.00
30,	53702	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	53703	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
	53704	M. O. Barco	175.00
	53705	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	53706	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	53707	S. S. Savage	200.00
	53708	J. B. Lee	10.00
	53709	E. B. Savage	15.00
	53710	Protective Life Insurance Co.— R. D. Newman Co. Agencies	2.95

60500	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	127.08

Total Disbursements for the Month of September, 1942	$1,710.82

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS

September 1, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

September 30, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

Balance as of September 1, 1942	$ 8,846.53
Land Sales for the month	16,152.10
Grand Total	$24,998.63
Less Disbursements for the month	21,378.21
Balance on Hand as of September 30, 1942	$ 3,620.42

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Sept. 23,	52151	Western Union Tel. Co.	$ 1.53
	52152	Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.	1.38
	52153	Capital Office Equipment Co.	18.00
	52150	Comptroller of Florida	47.30
	52154	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.75
	52155	Merritt Brown Co.	3.00

	52156	Lewis W. Petteway, A. A. G.	42.75
	52157	Carl Abernathy	21.50
	52158	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	30.00
	52159	S. S. Savage	53.60
	52160	The Franklin Press	32.40
30,	53692	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	53693	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	53694	Helen Phillips	150.00
	53695	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	53696	Jno. C. Moore	148.13
	53697	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	53698	M. O. Barco	25.00
	53699	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	53700	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	53701	Aetna Life Insurance Co.—Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79
	58883	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	20,000.00

Total Disbursements for the Month of September, 1942 ....$21,378.21

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Attorney General read letter dated October 8th from Stuart W. Patton, Special Attorney, Lands Division of the Department of Justice, Miami, Florida, having reference to Murphy Act land in Monroe County against which the United States filed Declaration of Taking prior to issuance of deed to the City of Key West under Chapter 20424. Request from Mr. Patton was that the Trustees determine whether they were in accord with the City's request for conveyance of the land, and if not would the State accept the sum of $1 as just compensation.

Mr. Watson reported that following letter from his office to the Trustees dated September 14th; he had filed answer in the case rejecting the valuation of $1 placed on the property by the Federal Government and alleging the value to be $500 which was the assessed value in 1932. He recommended that the Trustees hold up delivery of deed to the City of Key West covering the property involved and also one covering land in Dade County similarly involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees withhold execution of deeds covering land in Dade and Monroe Counties involved in suits filed by the Federal Government pending action fixing appraisal on the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The State Treasurer having come in was recorded as being present.

Governor Holland presented letter he had received from Mr. Fred O. Eberhardt of Key West, having reference to correction deed issued by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to Stanley C. Key of Key West, Florida.

Information was furnished by the Secretary that two deeds were issued—No. 211 dated June 27, 1940, in favor of Jerome Perez, and No. 224 dated October 25, 1940, to Stanley C. Key, both deeds containing imperfect descriptions; that the matter was referred to the Attorney General and upon his advice correction deeds were issued to both parties, forwarded to the Trustees' Agent in Monroe County with instructions to record both deeds and deliver to the respective grantees, which was done with the result that Mr. Key refused to accept correction deed and returned same to the Trustees.

The Attorney General explained that the descriptions in both deeds were erroneous and upon the matter being referred to him he recommended that correction deeds be issued to Jerome Perez and Stanley C. Key correctly describing the land intended to be conveyed in original deeds; that it was his opinion when the Trustees had done that it would be for the Courts to decide who owned the property.

The Governor stated that he agreed with the Attorney General, but from statements made in letter from Mr. Eberhardt it appeared that the Trustees had issued correction deed to Mr. Key without his knowledge and it was his thought that the beneficiary in the original deed should have been consulted before correction deed was issued. He requested that the Attorney General furnish him with memorandum of the facts in the case in order that he might reply to letter from Mr. Eberhardt. The Attorney General was also requested to look into the suit filed by Stanley C. Key in Monroe County, naming Jerome Perez, Lydia Perez and Ross C. Sawyer as parties.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accord-that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Duval	8/6/42	43
Hamilton	10/5/42	2
Hardee	10/5/42	5
Manatee	10/5/42	30
Orange	10/5/42	20
Sarasota	10/5/42	7

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented for release of State Road right of way in Deed No. 183, Brevard County, in favor of A. Fortenberry Company, Inc. The Secretary reported that the matter had been taken up with the State Road Department and recommendation from that department was that the request for release be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Quitclaim Deed No. 183—Brevard County, be authorized in favor of A. Fortenberry Company, Inc., for the purpose of releasing reservation for State roads in original deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deed authorized.

Mr. Mayo presented matter submitted to him by W. M. Davidson of Ocala, Florida, having reference to land in Section 14, Township 17 South, Range 17 East, Marion County, which land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, and which he desired to regain possession of as it had been in his family for over 35 years and through error the taxes were not paid; that Mr. Davidson expressed a willingness to pay the full amount of back taxes if he could get the land back.

Information was furnished that Mr. Davidson had planted the area to seedling pines and was in the process of erecting a fence around it when informed that it was State land; that he went to the Clerk and deposited $200.00, one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, but desired to know if he would not be allowed to pay all taxes outstanding amounting to over $500 and clear the record of taxes.

In view of the circumstances surrounding the case, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that if Mr. Davidson agreed to bid the full amount of all taxes against the land applied for, the Trustees would authorize the Clerk to advertise the land for a period of not less than five days from date of publication to date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported on telephone call from W. A. Williams, Jr., Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, requesting that the Trustees reaffirm action of August 5, 1941, authorizing advertisement on base bid of $2000 of approximately 1100 acres of Murphy Act land comprising 7696 lots in St. Johns Manor, located about 7 miles southwest of Palatka, in Sections 29 and 32, Township 10 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County. The Clerk stated that he had an offer of $2000 as a bid on the subdivision and asked authority to advertise on that basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land in St. Johns Manor upon base bids of $2000 as agreed upon at meeting of August 5, 1941. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from Mr. Earl Freeman, on behalf of Lt. H. L. Haworth, Officer in Charge, Vero Beach Naval Air Base, for 200 foot right of way through Murphy Act land in Indian River County, located in Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 38 East, and in Section 6, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, covered by the following certificates:

Cert. No. 434 of 1928
Cert. No. 2385 of 1933
Cert. No. 446 of 1927
Cert. No. 2448 of 1933

Permit was requested in the name of Roseland Air Field, U. S. Naval Operational Training Base, Vero Beach Florida, right of way being desired for constructional road through the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States covering 200 foot right of way through the property described upon accurate description being furnished by Lt. Haworth. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. J. L. McMullen, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Suwannee County, for reconsideration of action by the Committee on Special Cases sent in by him for the following persons:

J. M. Ross
Ira J. Knight
B. W. Helvenston

all requesting reduction in base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, to refer the cases to the Special Committee for further recommendation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the meeting adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
October 27, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

The Secretary presented letter from Joe H. Lesser, Attorney of West Palm Beach, on behalf of his client A. Cherry, in which request was made that the Clerk of the Circuit Court be authorized to cancel State and County tax sale certificates against land which Mr. Cherry had purchased from the Trustees, title to such land having vested in the Trustees through settlement with Everglades Drainage District under the provisions of Chapter 14717, Acts of 1931. Information was furnished that the State and County tax certificates were issued subsequent to date the State took title.

Upon discussion as to proper procedure, motion was made by the Attorney General that the matter be referred to the Comptroller for handling by his office, any interest in the property having been disclaimed by the Trustees. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Trustees on October 6 requested the Land Clerk to make examination and report as to whether Clay County land applied for by Foremost Properties, Inc., might be needed in the expansion of Camp Blanding.

Mr. Bayless reported that he had contacted J. E. Woodman, the Land and Timber Agent for Foremost Properties, Inc., and information furnished was that the land applied for,

SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 24 East,

NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 24 East,

was located six miles from the nearest land being acquired by Camp Blanding; that the expansion was being confined to that area west of State Road No. 68 and the property in question was far to the east of said road; also that Camp Blanding had no land leased for maneuver purposes anywhere near Sections 1 and 36.

In view of the report submitted, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $294 for the 80 acres applied for by Foremost Properties, Inc., described as:

SW¼ of SE¼ of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 24 East,

NW¼ of NE¼ of Section 1, Township 8 South, Range 24 East.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the U. S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, for lease with option to purchase 1900.18 acres of State land in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel Island, Lee County, the property to be used as a wildlife reservation. Proposal was to lease the property from year to year with privilege of renewal to June 1946 at a rental of two (2) cents an acre annually with option to purchase at any time during period of lease at a price of $1 an acre.

Mr. Bayless reported that this land had been advertised for bids some months ago on applications from Messrs. Hendry and Newman, but protest from the Department of the Interior had held up the sale.

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action be deferred on request from the U. S. Department of the Interior for lease on Sanibel Island area. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Proposal was submitted from H. M. Forman of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, offering $500 cash for assignment of Mortgage No. 17387 held by the Trustees from Greenlawn Realty Company, covering Lots 3 and 4, Tier 17, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, containing 20 acres in Broward County.

Mr. Bayless reported that this land was originally sold in November 1925 at a price of $470 an acre with cash payment of $117.50 an acre; that three notes in amount of $235 each were given for balance due but no payments made thereon; that the Federal Government had recently condemned land in the immediate vicinity, with an appraised value of $25 an acre. Mr. Bayless furnished further information that this mortgage had been turned over to the Attorney General for foreclosure and in discussing the matter with that office it was agreed that the State would very probably not receive $25 an acre for the land after foreclosure. It was recommended that the offer be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Forman of $500 cash for assignment of Mortgage No. 17387. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Finley McMillan of Panama City, Florida, for shell lease covering areas in Ochlockonee Bay, offering ten (10) cents per cubic yard for such material.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the application be referred to the Conservation Department for recommendation. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented list of salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the following be approved and transmitted to the Comptroller with request that warrants be drawn in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary & Engineer		$ 400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office, part time		50.00
Protective Life Insurance Company		2.95
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
Joseph E. Gillen, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		12.85
J. R. Bullock, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		19.60
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		10.55
D. S. Weeks, Clerk Circuit Court Glades County		10.00
L. L. Conrad, Sheriff Okeechobee County		9.70
D. C. Coleman, Sheriff Dade County		12.65
Miami Daily News, Inc., Miami		15.75
The News-Journal Company, Pensacola, Fla.		16.87
The Tavares Citizen, Tavares, Fla.		24.00
O. H. Sullivan, c/o Don E. Ferreyra, Attorney Homestead, Fla.		4.14
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee		6.70
TOTAL		$1,227.81

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	10/5/42	18
Bradford	10/5/42	2
Brevard	10/20/42	5
Calhoun	9/14/42	8
Charlotte	10/12/42	1
Charlotte	10/19/42	6
Citrus	8/25/42	7
Citrus	9/22/42	6
Columbia	10/7/42	3
Columbia	10/21/42	4

DeSoto	10/12/42	2
DeSoto	10/19/42	4
Duval	9/2/42	36
Escambia	10/9/42	7
Franklin	9/7/42	9
Hamilton	9/7/42	2
Hendry	10/2/42	3
Hernando	10/3/42	21
Hernando	10/16/42	11
Hillsborough	10/19/42	33
Holmes	10/5/42	3
Indian River	10/5/42	7
Jackson	9/28/42	8
Jefferson	10/5/42	2
Leon	10/16/42	2
Marion	10/5/42	34
Martin	9/21/42	1
Martin	9/30/42	1
Martin	10/12/42	2
Monroe	10/6/42	21
Nassau	10/19/42	2
Okeechobee	10/15/42	1
Osecola	10/5/42	119
Osceola	10/19/42	35
Pasco	10/6/42	8
Polk	9/30/42	18
Polk	10/6/42	521
Putnam	10/3 /42	20
Santa Rosa	10/12/42	5
Walton	10/5/42	2
Washington	9/8/42	7

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted for correction deed in favor of Mrs. Virginia P. George for the purpose of correcting erroneous description of Alachua County land. It was recommended that the correction deed be executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees execute Alachua County Correction Deed No. 216 in favor of Mrs. Virginia P. George in order to correctly describe the land conveyed by original Deed No. 216. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements across Murphy Act land in Hendry and Pinellas Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department to be used in connection with the following roads:

Hendry County—
No. 164—Project 5002 (1022)—SRD No. 185
Pinellas County—
No. 17—Project 5549 —SRD No. 43

Upon vote the motion was adopted and easements ordered executed.

Action Rescinded by Minutes of Dec. 8, 1942.

Request was presented from the City of Miami that the Trustees disclaim any interest in certain certificates certified to the State under Chapter 18296 covering land claimed by the City and used as an airport for a number of years. Photostatic copies of deeds executed in favor of the City of Miami in 1931 and 1932 were submitted involving land in the following Sections:

In Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30, Township 52 South, Range 41 East,
Containing a total of 1559.11 acres in Dade County, Florida.

Statement was made that a part of the land, against which certificates were issued, was included in Navy Condemnation suit.

Discussion was had as to proper method of handling the certificates, whereupon motion was made by the Attorney General that the matter be referred to the Comptroller for handling by his office, the Trustees disclaiming any interest in the property. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Telegram was presented from Mr. Earl D. Farr, County Attorney of Charlotte County, making application on behalf of the United States for a 100 foot right of way, three-quarters of a mile in length, through Murphy Act land along the North and South Half Section line of S½ of Section 15, and N½ of Section 22, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County. Also, pending execution of lease that the Trustees authorize the Federal Government to commence construction on the land as it is urgent that a road be provided into proposed Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the United States for a right of way one hundred feet wide and three-quarters of a mile long across Murphy Act land in Charlotte County, through the land described in Sections 15 and 22, Township 41 South, Range 23 East; also that authority be given the Federal Government to occupy the premises pending execution of lease. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Defense Plant Corporation, a corporation created by Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for easement across Murphy Act land in Suwannee County for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a pipe line. Offer of twenty-five (25) cents per rod was made for right of way 160 rods in length and lying fifteen (15) feet each side of the center line; proposed line to extend from Carrabelle, Florida, to Jacksonville, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of Defense Plant Corporation across Murphy Act land in Suwannee County described as follows:

> That part of N½ of NE¼ of Section 8, Township 2 South, Range 14 East, lying within 15 feet on each side of the center line of the right of way, 160 rods in length,

payment to be at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per rod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and easement authorized executed.

January 4, 1942 Company notified would not require extension.

Request was submitted from Florida Public Service Company, Orlando, Florida, applying for five-year extension on permit issued by the Trustees November 19, 1941, in favor of said Company, covering a parcel of land 36 feet wide across part of Lot 7, Block "C," Cherokee Park, in Winter Park, Florida. Information was furnished that the permit was subject to the condition that transmission line be erected within one year from date of permit; that owing to shortage in necessary material the line had not been constructed and extension was requested in order to allow time to obtain priorities for materials.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees extend the permit in favor of Florida Public Service Company for a period of one (1) year from November 19, 1942, upon payment of $5.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from G. M. Simmons of Orlando, Florida, requesting disposition of a 1927 certificate which was overlooked by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hernando County in 1936 when the owner, at that time Camp Phosphate Company, made application to redeem the following described land from tax certificates outstanding at the time:

> NE¼ of NW¼; S½ of NW¼; N½ of SW¼ of Section 7, Township 22 South, Range 20 East—200 acres in Hernando County.

Statement was made that subsequent to redemption in 1936 the 1927 certificate was discovered and certified to the State under Section 9 of Chapter 18296, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court acknowledges that it was his error in overlooking the 1927 certificate when application for redemption was made in 1936.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the case be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion as to how the matter should be disposed of. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Hillsborough County asking that protest be allowed to sale of:

> E¼ of SW¼ of SE¼ and W1/3 of N½ of SE¼ of SE¼ Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 20 East—17 acres in Hillsborough County.

Information was furnished that former owner, on account of illness, did not file protest until the 22nd day after sale was held—September 21, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, to allow protest of former owner based on statement made. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

St. Johns County case was presented recommending that former owner, Charles Anderson, colored, be allowed to receive deed to land which had belonged to his family since 1888, upon payment of amount equal to highest bid, which bid was made by Frank E. Hale who was buying up property in the colored section of town.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, the case of Charles Anderson was referred to the Attorney General with request that he advise the Trustees as to whether or not the recommendation of the Clerk could be carried out. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Attorney General Watson presented letter from Birkett F. Jordan, City Attorney of Gainesville, Florida, requesting permission from the Trustees for removal of a negro house from Murphy Act land in Alachua County—Block 22 Oakdale S/D—which land the Trustees leased to the United States in connection with an airport. Information was that the land was formerly owned by John Hamilton, a crippled negro about 70 years old; that the City will move the house without cost to the State and place it at another location so the old negro will retain his home.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees give the City of Gainesville permission to move the house occupied by John Hamilton, negro, from the Murphy Act land owned by the State in Oakdale S/D and place it at another location, the house to be occupied by Hamilton as his home. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that there was available for transfer to General Revenue $12,000 received from sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and that warrant would be drawn in favor of the State Treasurer for such amount:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$12,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,557.24 be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I.	$ 25.49
The H. & W. B. Drew Company, Jacksonville	13.50
James A. Ellis Company, Jacksonville	48.00
Leon R. Cox, C. C. C., Washington County	9.60
S. S. Savage, Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	62.75
E. B. Savage, Ass't. Field Agent, Ocala, Fla.	2.90
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee	30.00

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Secretary		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Secretary		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Secretary		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secretary		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
E. B. Savage, Ass't Field Agent		40.00
S. S. Savage, Field Agent		200.00
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Ralph D. Newman Agencies, Tallahassee, Florida		4.79
TOTAL		$1,557.24

The following refund checks were issued during the month of October, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C. Manatee County Bradenton, Florida	$150.00
City of Key West, Florida	34.25
TOTAL	$184.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

J. M. LEE,
Comptroller—Acting Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
November 17, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.

J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Mr. Doyle E. Carlton and Mr. Ford M. Graham, representing Humble Oil Company of Mobile, Alabama, came before the Trustees and made verbal proposal to lease for a period of one year, with option of renewal for four additional years, approximately 2600 acres of State land in Collier County located as follows:

Sections 31 and 32, Township 48 South, Range 29 East;
Sections 15 and 23, Township 47 South, Range 30 East;
Sections 25 and 35, Township 48 South, Range 30 East;

also 600 acres and one-fourth interest in an additional 160 acres owned by the State School Board.

Upon discussion of the terms to be included in the lease, applicants agreed to carry out the following:

> To drill one well during the first year on land located within six miles of land covered by lease;
> Consideration to be ten (10) cents an acre annually in advance;
>
> Lease to be null and void if one well is not drilled to a depth of not less than 7,500 feet within one year from date of lease with a proposed drilling to a depth of 10,000 feet, provided a producing well is not encountered at lesser depth;
>
> Lease to contain usual royalty provision for payment of one-eighth for oil and gas and $1 per ton for sulphur.
>
> Upon compliance on the part of the applicants of the provisions required to be carried out within one year, Lessee to have option of renewal for an additional four year period.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson that the proposal be worked out on above basis and lease submitted at the next meeting of the Trustees for final action. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon voted adopted. Comptroller Lee voted No.

Governor Holland asked if the motion of the Attorney General was intended to imply that the Trustees were agreeable to leasing the land to Humble Oil Company and the only question was the working out of conditions to be incorporated in said lease. Mr. Watson stated that his motion was made on that basis. Members voting for the motion were in agreement with that interpretation of the motion.

A quorum of the State Board of Education being present, Mr. Larson moved that on behalf of the State Board of Education the same motion as adopted by the Trustees include the School land applied for by Humble Oil Company. Seconded by Mr. Watson and upon vote adopted.

At the meeting of September 29, the Trustees authorized Glades County land advertised for bids upon application of Louis Ambler, on behalf of Bee Ranch Cattle Company, with offer of $1330 plus cost of advertising. Pursuant to such action the following Notice was published in the Glades County Democrat, Moore Haven, Florida, on October 16, 23, 30, November 6 and 13, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 14, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and receive competitive bids at Tallahassee, Florida, November 17, 1942, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the following described land in GLADES County Florida:

W½ and SE¼, Section 30, Township 42 South, Range 28 East,
SE¼ of SW¼, Section 4, Township 42 South, Range 28 East,
SE½ of NE¼, Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 28 East.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

No other bids having been submitted or filed, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept offer from Bee Ranch Cattle Company of $1330 for the land described in the foregoing notice, plus advertising costs, such price being in line with appraisal of the Field Agent. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

On September 22, 1942, A. A. Poston submitted application on behalf of Stuart B. and Philip B. Iglehart to purchase land in St. Lucie County, for which they offered $2.50 an acre. Action was taken authorizing advertisement of the land for competitive bids and the following Notice was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune, Fort Pierce, Florida, on October 9, 18, 23, and 30, and November 6, 1942:

NOTICE

Tallahassee, Florida, October 6, 1942

NOTICE is hereby given that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida will offer for sale and receive competitive bids at Tallahassee, Florida, November 10, 1942, at 3 o'clock P. M. for the following described land in ST. LUCIE County, Florida:

> All Section 24, Township 37 South, Range 37 East, containing 641 acres in St. Lucie County, Florida.

This Notice is published in compliance with Sections 270.08 and 270.09, Florida Statutes 1941.

The Trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids. By order of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND, Governor

Attest: F. C. Elliot, Secretary

Upon call for bids, there were no other offers except from Iglehart Brothers, whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize sale of the land descrbied to Iglehart Brothers at a price of $2.50 an acre, plus cost of advertisement. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Lt. Maurice E. Hanson of the Fighter Command School, 351st Coast Artillery Searchlight Bn., Apopka, Florida, for permission to take shell from a pit located in Fractional Sections 25 and 26, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, Lake County, covering a period of one year, the shell to be used in connection with Army Camps at Apopka and Winter Garden.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees grant permission to the United States for a period of one year in which to remove shell without charge from the area above described—such shell to be used at Army Camps located in Apopka and Winter Garden. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from the Navy Department of the United States for use of the following described State land as a Gunnery Range:

> Sections 4, 6, 8, 10, 18, 20, and 22, Township 47
> South, Range 40 East, and
> W½ and SE¼ of Section 30, Township 47 South,
> Range 41 East,
> All in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Mr. Bayless reported that the proposed area was uninhabited and suitably located for a gunnery range.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute lease in favor of the U. S. Navy Department permitting use of the above described land as a gunnery range, such lease to be without charge. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed.

Mr. Bayless presented request from Roscoe Brunstetter, on behalf of his client, for release of canal reservations in the following land:

> NW¼ of NW¼ of NW¼ of Section 8, Township
> 54 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, Florida.

It was recommended that the release be granted as reclamation work had already been completed on this tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees release Canal reservations on the foregoing described land without cost to applicant. Upon vote the motion was adopted and release authorized executed.

The Secretary presented for approval the payroll for July together with expense accounts and miscellaneous bills.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, the following salaries for July, the expense accounts and miscellaneous bills were approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Lewis W. Petteway, Ass't Atty. Gen	$	8.05
L. L. Conrad, Sheriff Okeechobee County		4.85
Berlin A. Sawyer, Sheriff Monroe County		19.35
Sebring Daily American, Sebring, Fla		9.00

News Tribune, Inc., Fort Pierce, Fla.		7.50
Corporation Service Co. of Florida, Tallahassee		4.80
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee		7.60
F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer		400.00
F. Elgin Bayless, Chief Land Clerk	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—part time		50.00
J. B. Lee, Guarding Timber Tract		10.00
Protective Life Insurance Company, Ralph Newman Agencies		2.95
TOTAL		$1,146.15

Financial Statements for the month of October are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

Land Sales	$ 7,809.81	
Land Sales—Under Chapter 14717	2,709.29	
Land Sales—Under Chapter 14572	150.00	
Farm Lease	487.50	
Grazing Leases	133.42	
Sand and Shell Leases	740.00	
Timber Leases	370.46	
Mineral Lease	18.75	
Quit Claim to Oil & Mineral Rights	3.75	
Reimbursement account advertising land sale in Broward County	11.25	
Fishing Campsites	75.00	
Total Receipts for October, 1942	$12,509.23	$ 12,509.23
Balance as of October 1, 1942		176,895.21
Grand Total		$189,404.44
Less Disbursements for October, 1942		1,817.76
Balance on Hand as of October 31, 1942		$187,586.68

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

1942 Date	No. Warrant	Payee	Amount
Oct. 7,	64170	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$ 511.15
16,	69236	F. Elgin Bayless	78.80
31,	79835	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	79836	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
	79837	M. O. Barco	175.00
	79838	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	79839	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	79840	J. B. Lee	10.00
	79841	Protective Life Insurance Co.	2.95
	80039	Joseph E. Gillen, A. A. G.	12.85
	81130	J. R. Bullock, A. A. G.	19.60
	81131	W. B. Granger	10.55
	81132	D. S. Weeks, C. C. C.	10.00
	81133	L. L. Conrad, Sheriff	9.70
	81134	D. C. Coleman, Sheriff	12.65
	81135	Miami Daily News	15.75
	81136	The News Journal Co.	16.87
	81137	The Tavares Citizen	24.00
	81138	O. H. Sullivan	4.14
	81139	Southeastern Telephone Co.	6.70
		Total Disbursements for the Month of October, 1942	$1,817.76

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

RECEIPTS

October 1, 1942—Balance $2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

October 31, 1942—Balance $2,895.00

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

Balance as of October 1, 1942	$ 3,620.42
Land Sales for the Month	17,272.30
Grand Total	$20,892.72
Less Disbursements for the Month	13,741.49
Balance on Hand as of October 31, 1942	$ 7,151.23

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Oct. 23,	72390	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	$12,000.00
31,	80040	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	80041	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	80042	Helen Phillips	150.00
	80043	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	80044	John C. Moore	148.13
	80045	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	80046	M. O. Barco	25.00
	80047	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	80048	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	80049	E. B. Savage	40.00
	80050	S. S. Savage	200.00
	80051	Aetna Life Insurance Co.,—Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79
	81121	Iveson Lloyd, C. C. C.	150.00
	81122	City of Key West	34.25
	81123	Photostat Corp.	25.49
	81124	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	13.50
	81125	James A. Ellis Co.	48.00
	81126	Leon R. Cox, C. C. C.	9.60
	81127	S. S. Savage	62.75
	81128	E. B. Savage	2.90
	81129	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	30.00
		Total Disbursements for the Month of October, 1942	$13,741.49

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Attorney General Watson called attention to land in Alachua County under Chapter 18296 sold to C. E. Melton of Gainesville for a consideration of $25.00, for which land Mr. Melton is now asking the State $500.00. Information was furnished that Florida Farm Colony at Gainesville, Florida, desires this 40 acre tract in connection with the Institution. The Attorney General also reported that there had been reports of some irregularity in the sale of this tract.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, on behalf of the Board of State Institutions, that the board decline to purchase the land at the price fixed by Mr. Melton. Motion seconded by Mr. Larson and upon vote adopted.

Motion was then made by Mr. Watson, on behalf of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that Mr. Elliot make a thorough investigation of the conditions surrounding the sale and see if the facts would justify cancellation of the deed. Motion seconded by Mr. Lee and upon vote adopted. It was ordered that the matter be referred to the Attorney General and the Secretary for examination.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills be approved and the Comptroller requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	$	1.58
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., Tallahassee		2.72
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee		2.00
Leon Electric Supply Co., Tallahassee		1.50
Carlyle Ausley, C. C. C., Ocala, Florida		139.36
Edwin R. Williams, Tampa, Florida		5.00
Comptroller, State of Florida		25.80
E. B. Savage, Ass't Field Agent, Ocala		50.45
William Daniels, Compass Man, Ocala		11.00
Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Secretary		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Secretary		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Secretary		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secretary		25.00

F. C. Elliot, Secretary	50.00
E. B. Savage, Ass't Field Agent	100.00
William Daniels, Compass Man	40.00
Aetna Life Inusurance Company—Ralph D. Newman Agencies	4.79
TOTAL	$1,504.41

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
November 18, 1942

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edward Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Offer of 800 was presented from G. L. Miller of Miami, Florida, for the purchase of:

W½ of SW¼ of Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 37 East,
Containing 80 acres in Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Application was presented from Leo Bonner of Okeechobee, Florida, to purchase the following State land at a price of $5 an acre:

Lot 13, Section 23, Township 37 South, Range 33 East,
Containing 31.5 acres of land in Highlands County.

Information from the Land Office gave the location of the land as being located on the West side of the Kissimmee River North of State Road No. 8, adjoining property recently sold to Mr. Bonner.

Upon motion of Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, the Trustees accepted offer of $5 an acre from Mr. Bonner for the land described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless submitted request from John C. Blocker of St. Petersburg, Florida, on behalf of R. S. Bartlett, for permission to dredge 3000 cubic yards of sand from water bottoms owned by the State in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, the material to be deposited on Lots 9 and 12 of Puigs Subdivision, owned by Mr. Bartlett. Offer of $50 was made for the fill material.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline to accept $50 for material applied for, but that counter proposal be made to authorize lease upon payment of $100 for 3000 cubic yards of sand. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that the Trustees had agreed to sell to Dr. J. H. Corbett for the sum of $300 the SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 14 East, 40.04 acres in Hamilton County and that deed conveying the title to the land had been prepared and mailed to Dr. Corbett; that Dr. Corbett has taken exception to the statutory reservations contained in the deed and states that unless the reservations can be vacated he desires return of his money. Information was furnished that the usual charge for release of reservations was fifty (50) cents an acre. It was also recalled that Dr. Corbett had trespassed on the land prior to his purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize release of reservations contained in the deed to Dr. Corbett upon payment of fifty (50) cents an acre; however, in the event he desired refund of his money that amount of trespass committeed by him be collected. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that action be held in abeyance on request from U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, for lease on Sanibel Island, Lee County. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was submitted from Julius F. Stone, Jr., to purchase two small islands comprising approximately 1 acre for which he offers $25.00. Information was furnished that the Trustees in December, 1941 agreed to sell Mr. Stone four islands comprising 2 acres, off shore from his property on Boca Chica Key, Monroe County, at a price of $50 and he desires these additional islands to be included in the sale; the six islands to be used as fill material in connection with reclamation work on his upland property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $25 from Mr. Stone for the two small islands comprising one acre, to be used for fill material. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of $250.00 was submitted from William H. Hamilton of Winter Haven, Florida, for assignment of Mortgage No. 17218 encumbering the following land:

> S½ of Lot 3, and S½ of SW¼ of Section 5, Township 28 South, Range 26 East, containing 131 acres in Polk County.

Mr. Bayless reported that this land was sold in May, 1925 to Henry A. Marks for a consideration of $6,812.00 and $4,231.20 has been paid on the entry; that there is now due $3,406.00 principal and approximately $2,861.00 interest, making a total of $6,267.00 outstanding against the mortgage.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline offer of $250 submitted by Mr. Hamilton for assignment of Mortgage No. 17,218. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that four or five years ago the Trustees agreed to an exchange of land with the United States for the benefit of the Seminole Indians but pending adjustment of Everglades taxes the exchange had not been consummated; that part of the land located in Township 51 South, Range 32 East, Collier County, adjoins property owned by the Collier interests from which they are removing the timber; that a tram road built by the Collier people would soon be taken out and when that was done there would be no way of getting the timber off the State land; that the Federal Government has agreed that pending consummation of the exchange the timber be cut at this time and the money put in escrow until agreement can be worked out.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Bayless to contract for sale of the timber and deposit the money received therefor in escrow, pending consummation of the exchange with the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented offer of $50 from W. C. Roach of West Palm Beach for Lots 60 and 61, Block No. 2, Monroe Heights, Palm Beach County, title to which land vested in the State under Chapter 14572.

The County Commissioners of Palm Beach County having indicated approval of the offer which reduced the pro rata share due the County for taxes, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept offer of $50 from Mr. Roach for Lots 60 and 61 as above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and sale authorized.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented the following list of bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed, and reported that such bids were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Bay	10/19/42	3
Broward	10/19/42	37
Dade	10/21/42	21
Flagler	11/2/42	1
Gulf	10/19/42	12
Gulf	11/2/42	1
Hamilton	11/9/42	2
Hernando	10/23/42	15
Hernando	11/2/42	1
Hernando	11/6/42	12
Indian River	11/9/42	3
Jackson	11/2/42	6

Jefferson	11/9/42	4
Lafayette	10/23/42	3
Lafayette	10/30/42	3
Leon	11/9/42	1
Levy	10/12/42	3
Levy	11/9/42	1
Madison	10/5/42	1
Manatee	11/ 2/42	8
Martin	11/2/42	5
Nassau	10/26/42	8
Okeechobee	11/12/42	2
Orange	11/2/42	6
Pinellas	10/13/42	62
Sumter	10/26/42	11
Taylor	9/4/42	4
Walton	10/12/42	5
Walton	11/9/42	2

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented applications for the following Correction Deeds:

Dade County Correction Deed No. 1924 to C. H. McLain

Hardee County Correction Deed No. 154 to Mrs. Frederica Coleman Vickers

Hardee County Correction Deed No. 213 to W. W. Whitehurst and Lemmie Whitehurst

such deeds having been requested in order to correct name of grantees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees issue Correction deeds as requested for the purpose of correcting name of grantee in each deed. Upon vote the motion was adopted and deeds authorized.

Letter was presented from the Attorney General, enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Stuart W. Patton, Special Attorney, U. S. Land Division, Department of Justice, asking that the State stipulate with the United States in agreeing on amount of compensation to be paid the State on two parcels of Murphy Act land in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Attorney General to stipulate with the United States in the two cases designated as Files No. 4081 and No. 4113—KW 9 and 13, agreeing to compensation of not less than amount of taxes and expenses incurred incident thereto. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented Hernando County case, referred to the Attorney General October 27, involving application in 1936 from Camp Phosphate Company, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hernando County, for redemption of all oustanding tax certificates against certain of its land. The Company redeemed all certificates which the Clerk advised were outstanding. Thereafter the successor in title to Camp Phosphate Company, H. S. Simmons, was advised that the Clerk had overlooked a 1927 certificate and that title to the land reverted to the State under Chapter 18296.

Report from the Attorney General dated November 6, 1942, recommended that the present owner of the land be permitted to redeem the 1927 certificate, as the confusion was brought about by failure of the Clerk to advise the owner of the existence of the certificate at the time inquiry was made.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the present owner, H. S. Simmons, be allowed to redeem Certificate No. 978 of 1927 as of the date application was filed to redeem. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

On October 27, 1942, the Trustees referred to the Attorney General letter from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of St. Johns County with reference to high bid of Frank E. Hale on land formerly owned by Charles Anderson, colored. Information was furnished that the land had been owned by Anderson's family since 1888 and the highest bidder had been buying up tax property in that section for sometime.

The Secretary submitted report from the Attorney General in which he recommended that should the Trustees accept any bid for the land the highest bid be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees decline all bids on Lot 4, Block 66, Dancy

Tract, and make refunds to all bidders depositing money for the lots. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Brigadier General Gilbert A. Youngberg, Chief Engineer for Florida Inland Navigation District, requesting right of way easement in favor of the United States, through unsurveyed portions of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, Duval County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement for right of way in favor of the United States through the land in Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 28 East, covered by Certificates No. 3733 of 1920, No. 4302 of 1925 and No. 32959 of 1933. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented request from the War Department for lease on land in Sumter County located in Orange Home S/D, Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, which land came to the State under Chapter 18296. Lease desired in connection with Headquarters Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of the War Department involving Murphy Act land in Section 15, Township 19 South, Range 23 East, Sumter County. Lease to be renewable from year to year for a period to extend not beyond six months from the end of the present emergency upon payment of $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease authorized issued.

Application was presented from Florida Power and Light Company for right of way through Murphy Act land in Seminole County described as,

> W½ of SW¼ of NE¼ of SE¼ of Section 32, Township 19 South, Range 31 East, covered by Certificate No. 3298 of 1933.

An offer of Fifty Cents (50c) a rod was made for easement involving a distance of 20 rods through the land described.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize execution of easement for right of way in favor of Florida Power and Light Company through Murphy Act land in Seminole County described above, upon payment of fifty (50) cents per rod. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Offer of fifteen (15) cents an acre was submitted from J. M. Parker of St. Cloud, Florida, for Grazing Lease on Murphy Act land in Osceola County involving approximately 50 acres in Lakefront Addition to St. Cloud and St. Cloud Boulevard.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize one year grazing lease in favor of J. M. Parker covering the land applied for, upon payment of fifteen cents an acre; lease to be subject to sale of the land under regular rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the War Department for cancellation of certain certificates on Leon County land, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296. Statement from the Division Engineer of the South Atlantic Division of the War Department, substantiated by the Tax Assessor of Leon County, was that the certificates were subject to cancellation on the ground of double assessment owing to an overlapping description.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees recommend to the Comptroller cancellation of the following Leon County Certificates: No. 406 of 1928, No. 1306 of 1933, on the ground of double assessment, the Trustees disclaiming any interest in such certificates for that reason. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented request from Colonel S. L. Buracker on active duty with the United States Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky, involving the following described land in Sumter County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

> NW¼ of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 8, Township 21 South, Range 22 East.

Statement was furnished that Colonel Buracker purchased the land in 1931 and he makes affidavit that taxes were paid by him for all prior years, but on account of his service in the Army all his papers and records are in storage in Georgia and he is unable to secure leave and produce receipts at this time; that title to the land was certified to the State under Chaper 18296, evidenced by Certificate No. 336 of 1933; that application was made and sale protested by Colonel Buracker and Viola Center. At re-sale Viola Center was recorded as high bidder without reference to protested bid in like amount made by Colonel Buracker. Request is made that sale be held up until such time as Colonel Buracker can produce evidence as to payment of taxes.

Upon consideration of the case, it was the opinion of the Board that based on affidavit from Colonel Buracker, evidence was sufficient to justify issuance of deed to him as former owner, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees execute deed in favor of Colonel S. L. Buracker for the consideration of $13.75 as filed with his protest to first sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary submitted report on bids recently received from Alachua and Lake Counties involving timber lands on which the 1942 assessed value was considerably higher than the 1932 value and recommending that the 1942 value be used as a basis rather than the 1932.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that all bids on timber lands be denied until actual appraisal of the land and timber can be furnished. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

It was suggested by Mr. Larson that the 1942 assessment be ascertained on all timber lands.

Application was presented from D. Neil Ferguson of Ocala, on behalf of Robert Carter, 75 year old negro, for allowance of protest to sale of Marion County property formerly owned by Carter. Information was furnished that Robert Carter's home adjoins the NE¼ of SW¼ of NW¼ of Section 28, Township 15 South, Range 20 East, which was sold, and that he went in to bid on the land one hour after it had been sold to another negro.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees allow protest to be made by Robert Carter if filed within 15 days with deposit of amount required under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and protest allowed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees affirm action taken by the Commissioner of Agriculture, authorizing the Secretary's office to transmit Marion County Deed No. 396 in favor of J. W. K. Farms Company, base bid having been agreed upon by the Special Case Committee sometime ago, and sale held pursuant to such action.

The Secretary reported that letter had been received from Martin County Clerk of the Circuit Court, requesting that the Trustees allow consummation of June 9, 1941, sale of land to Walter O. Johns. Statement made was in effect that applicant did not deposit the full amount of bid but agreed to do so within a short time. This he failed to do. Full amount of bid in the sum of $2823.00 has been deposited with the Clerk and request is that acceptance be authorized at this time.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County to consummate June 9, 1941, sale of 1218 acres of land on bid of $2823.00 submitted by Walter O. Johns. Upon vote the motion was adopted and consummation of sale approved.

Alachua County case was presented involving bid of B. B. Hughes which was protested by Duke Brothers, former owners. Information was given that after protest had been filed, Mr. Hughes found he made an error in purchasing the land, thinking it was another tract. The Clerk now requests that he be allowed to make deed to Duke Brothers upon payment of amount bid by Mr. Hughes—$489.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that upon assignment by Mr. Hughes of his application and bid to Duke Brothers and payment by Duke Brothers of an amount equal to high bid, the Trustees allow deed executed in the name of Duke Brothers. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was presented from Hillsborough County Clerk for authority to offer for sale as one tract eighty-three (83) scattered lots in Zion Heights Subdivision, application having been received to purchase in that manner with base bid of ¼ 1932 assessed value; that applicant would not be interested in buying unless purchase covered all lots in the subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees make no objection to sale of the eighty-three (83) lots as one tract, but applicant would have to run the risk of competing with other bidders on single lots. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, to refer to the Attorney General the case of John and Florrie Walker, colored, of St. Johns County, for opinion as to whether or not John Walker would be entitled to exemption on account of mental disability, land formerly owned by Walker having reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, and request made for cancellation of the certificates on basis of Disability Exemption. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the case referred to the Attorney General.

Application was presented from Charles Mitchell, colored, of West Palm Beach, Florida, for allowance of protest to sale of land formerly owned by him as his home. Advises that he did not receive notice of proposed sale and therefore failed to file protest within the time limit provided under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow protest filed with the Clerk to sale of the land formerly owned by Charles Mitchell if made immediately to the Clerk. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was submitted from J. Ed Stokes of Panama City, Florida, on behalf of Virgil Clements, former owner, requesting allowance of protest to sale of land October 5, 1942, in favor of Jesse Nixon, time for filing protest having expired.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees allow Virgil Clement, as former owner, to file protest with the Clerk to sale of the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 35, Township 1 South, Range 12 East, Bay County, upon deposit of the necessary amount required under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

In view of action heretofore taken with reference to timber lands, the Clerk will not be instructed to readvertise the land in which Mr. Stokes' client is interested, pending appraisal of timber by the Field Agent.

Letter was presented from R. Clyde Simmons, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hardee County, enclosing signed statement from the Tax Assessor of Hardee County and from Dr. M. C. Kayton of Wauchula, Florida, certifying as to the physical disability of Mr. Snell Norris of Wauchula, whose property reverted to the State under Chapter 18296 and was advertised and bid in by Horace Gough at sale November 2, 1942. Information from the Tax Assessor was that Mr. Norris who has been crippled for years was entitled to exemption under Section 9, Article 9 of the Florida Constitution, but he failed to make application for such exemption. Dr. Kayton states that Mr. Norris sustained a hip injury as a child and is a cripple for life.

Based on the statements made by the Clerk, Tax Assessor and Doctor, motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees disclaim any interest in Certificate No. 3772 of 1933, certified to the State under Chapter 18296, on the ground that Mr. Norris was entitled to exemption based on claim of disability by misfortune, and that request for cancellation of said certificate be referred to the Comptroller for handling. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Earl D. Farr, County Attorney, Charlotte County, requesting that the Trustees allow a ten (10) day limit for advertising land owned by the State under Chapter 18296 in Pasadera and Simpson's Subdivisions; also certain parcels in Sections 10 and 15, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, the United States having requested that the County make this property available for use in connection with the Air Base.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees authorize the Clerk to advertise the lands applied for by Charlotte County as above for a minimum period of ten days between advertising date and sale date but in all other respects sale to be conducted in the regular manner. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented applications submitted by Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the following counties requesting cancellation by the Comptroller of State and County tax sale certificates, which certificates had been certified to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937:

Alachua County
Citrus County
Dade County
Duval County
Putnam County
Suwannee County

Taylor County
Washington County

The Secretary recommended that the requests presented be approved and referred to the Comptroller for disposition under authority vested in him.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that based on the evidence submitted by the Clerks of the above counties, the Trustees disclaim any interest in the certificates involved in such requests as they evidence no title in the State under Chapter 18296. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
November 24, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Information was furnished by the Land Office that pursuant to action of the Trustees October 6, 1942, the following Dade County land was advertised for competitive bids in the Miami Daily News October 23, 30; November 6, 13, and 20, 1942:

> Sections 31, 32, 33 and W½ of Section 34, Township 55 South, Range 38 East;

that advertisement was based on application presented by J. V. Keen of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of G. N. Schuck with offer to bid not less than $2 and $3 an acre for the land; that prior to date of sale—November 24, 1942

—Mr. Schuck had withdrawn his bid and deposited check in amount of $21 to pay advertising costs. No other bids were received for the land and no sale was made.

Mr. Elliot reported that if authorization could be given for payment of Everglades Drainage District and South Florida Conservancy District taxes in time for warrants to be forwarded before December 1, there would be a saving to the Trustees of four percent.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and duly adopted, that the following Everglades Drainage District taxes and South Florida Conservancy District taxes for the year 1942 on Trustees' lands be paid and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment thereof before December 1, in order to effect a saving of 4% on the dollar:

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector Palm Beach Co. South Florida Conservancy District taxes	$ 8,531.88
W. O. Berryhill, Tax Collector Broward Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	15,829.36
C. H. Collier, Tax Collector Collier Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	2.02
Hayes Wood, Tax Collector Dade Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	11,274.97
R. D. Yoder, Tax Collector Glades Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	811.18
R. N. Miller, Tax Collector Hendry Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	1,627.97
Mrs. Ruth Bass Hylton, Tax Col. Highlands Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	57.97
L. C. Kickliter, Tax Collector Martin Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	27.52
Mrs. Bessie Alderman, Tax Col. Okeechobee Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	399.25
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector Palm Beach Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	52,772.27
Orris Nobles, Tax Collector Saint Lucie Co. Everglades Drainage District taxes	18.94
TOTAL	$91,353.33

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary reported that there would be available for transfer from funds under Chapter 18296 to General Revenue Fund the sum of $12,000 and that the Comptroller would be requested to draw warrant in favor of the State Treasurer as follows:

TRANSFER UNDER CHAPTER 20368

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer For transfer to General Revenue	$12,000.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 8, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

The Secretary presented for approval Minutes of the Trustees dated September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 7, 13 and 27, 1942.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, to approve Trustees' Minutes of the dates given. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that Rose Printing Company had made a proposal to print the Minutes of the Trustees for the years 1941 and 1942 on the same basis as charged for Volume 22 covering the years 1939 and 1940, which was at the rate of $2 per page for 200 copies, 175 to be paper binding and 25 to be bound in leather.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize printing of the Minutes for 1941 and 1942 by Rose Printing Company at the rate of $2 per page for 200 volumes—175 in paper binding and 25 in leather—with specifications to be the same as required for Volume 22. Delivery of the books to be made thirty

(30) days after the return to the Company of the last proof. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that he would like the Trustees to instruct him as to whether or not under contract recently made with A. R. Richardson, the percentage should be based on the value of the certificate plus the 1942 taxes and whether Mr. Richardson should be entitled to the percentage on amounts including the 1942 taxes.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the payment to Mr. Richardson for sale of land under Everglades Drainage District tax sale certificates be on the basis of the value of certificates plus three years taxes to and including 1941 as agreed to at time his proposal was accepted, without reference to 1942 taxes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from the Florida Forest and Park Service with request for authority from the Trustees to effect a proposed exchange between the Citizen's Committee of the City of Marianna and the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks, the land owned by the Committee being designated as the ''Golson Tract in Section 20, Township 5 North, Range 10 West—16 acres, more or less,'' and the State land being approximately 15 acres in Section 28, Township 5 North, Range 10 West. Statement was that the Forest and Park Service desired the exchange in order to facilitate the acquisition of a more desirable tract lying to the north and west of the present park boundary. The exchange was recommended by the Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees authorize the Florida Board of Forestry and Parks to effectuate exchange of the land above described with the Citizen's Committee of the City of Marianna, all as outlined in letter of November 18, 1942. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Request was submitted from the Florida Forest and Park Service for concurrence of the Trustees in lease to the Federal Government of Hillsborough River State Park to be used for Army Signal Corps maneuvers, Drew Field, Third Air Force.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees concur in leasing Hillsborough River State Park, Hillsborough County, to the United States for use of the Army Signal Corps. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Copy of telegram dated November 18, from A. G. Campbell, Jr., representing Fred L. Sanford and George Arrington, was presented to the Trustees with the information that "Walton County Florida Producing Oil Well Blew in Monday, November Sixteenth, 1942. Clients Claim Bonus for First Such Well in Florida."

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. Sanford be advised that his telegram had been filed pending submission by the Company of report and proof that the DeFuniak well meets the specifications provided in Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941, and upon receipt of such information the same will be referred to the State Geologist for such examination and report as he may deem necessary for advising the Trustees as to whether or not the well comes within the definition of the Act as a producing well and eligible for such moneys as are on hand as part of the bonus to be paid for the first commercial producing well. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Request was presented from Richlands, Inc., of Pahokee, Florida, for appointment to appear before the Trustees when the full membership could be present, the purpose being to discuss sale of Pelican Bay land or renewal of lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees set January 19, 1943, as a date for hearing representatives of Richlands, Inc. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Secretary requested to so notify Mr. Joe L. White, Attorney for the Company.

Financial Statements for the month of November are as follows:

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 610

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Land Sales	$14,562.01
Grazing Leases	131.06
Timber Leases	1,095.19

Farm Leases		348.75	
Shell Leases		146.51	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717		574.75	
Fishing Campsites		56.25	
Pipe Line R/W		375.00	
Reimbursement of Advertisement of Land Sale		27.00	
7 Federal Farm Mort. Corp. Coupons at $1.50 each—Entry No. 17839—Axel Jensen		10.50	
Reimbursement to Trustees I. I. Fd. by M. D. Bledsoe, for taxes Lot 15, Sec. 20-43-35, being South Fla. Conservancy District taxes for 1936, 7, 8 & 9	$194.76		
and Everglades Drainage District Taxes	78.12		
		272.88	
Total Receipts for November, 1942		$17,599.90	$ 17,599.90
Balance as of November 1, 1942			187,586.68
Grand Total			$205,186.58
Less Disbursements for November, 1942			92,499.48
Balance on Hand as of November 30, 1942			$112,687.10

DISBURSEMENTS DURING NOVEMBER, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Nov. 17,	95633	Lewis W. Petteway, A. A. G.	$ 8.05
	95634	L. L. Conrad, Sheriff	4.85
	95635	Berlin A. Sawyer, Sheriff	19.35
	95636	Sebring Daily American	9.00
	95637	News-Tribune, Inc.	7.50
	95638	Corporation Service Co. of Fla.	4.80
	95639	Southeastern Telephone Co.	7.60
24,	99926	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C.	8,531.88
	99927	W. O. Berryhill, T. C.	15,829.36
	99928	C. H. Collier, T. C.	2.02
	99929	Hayes Wood, T. C.	11,274.97
	99930	R. D. Yoder, T. C.	811.18
	99931	R. N. Miller, T. C.	1,627.97
	99932	Mrs. Ruth Bass Hylton, T. C.	57.97
	99933	L. C. Kickliter, T. C.	27.52
	99934	Mrs. Bessie Alderman, T. C.	399.25

	99935	Stetson O. Sproul, T. C.	52,772.27
	99936	Orris Noble, T. C.	18.94
30,	97738	F. C. Elliot	400.00
	99739	F. Elgin Bayless	272.05
	97740	M. O. Barco	175.00
	97741	Jentye Dedge	175.00
	97742	H. L. Shearer	50.00
	97743	J. B. Lee	10.00
	97744	Protective Life Insurance Co. —R. D. Newman Agencies	2.95.

Total Disbursements for the Month of November, 1942	$92,499.48

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND PETROLEUM OIL AND/OR GAS EXPLORATION FUND, UNDER CHAPTER 20667, ACTS OF 1941

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942

RECEIPTS

November 1, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

DISBURSEMENTS

None

November 30, 1942—Balance	$2,895.00

TRUSTEES INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND UNDER CHAPTER 18296

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942

Balance as of November 1, 1942	$ 7,151.23
Land Sales for the month	11,176.16
Grand Total	$18,327.39
Less Disbursements for the month	13,504.41
Balance on Hand as of November 30, 1942	$ 4,822.98

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1942

Date 1942	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
Nov. 17,	95841	Western Union Tel. Co.	$ 1.58
	95842	Postal Tel.-Cable Co.	2.72

	95843	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.00
	95844	Leon Electric Supply Co.	1.50
	95845	Carlyle Ausley, C. C. C.	139.36
	95846	Edwin R. Williams, Clerk	5.00
	95847	E. B. Savage	50.45
	95848	Wm. Daniels	11.00
	95596	Comptroller of Florida	25.80
27,	95971	J. Edwin Larson, S. T.	12,000.00
30,	97745	Geo. F. Sampson	250.00
	97746	Ernest Hewitt	200.00
	97747	Helen Phillips	150.00
	97748	Mary Evans Voss	125.00
	97749	John C. Moore	148.13
	97750	J. R. Roberts	147.08
	97751	M. O. Barco	25.00
	97752	Jentye Dedge	25.00
	97753	F. C. Elliot	50.00
	97754	E. B. Savage	100.00
	97755	Wm. Daniels	40.00
	97756	Aetna Life Insurance Co.— R. D. Newman Agencies	4.79

Total Disbursements for the Month of November, 1942 .... $13,504.41

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for land under Chapter 18296 and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration of the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Baker	11/30/42	1
Bay	11/9/42	15
Bay	11/23/42	12
Brevard	11/10/42	11
Broward	11/16/42	18
Calhoun	8/17/42	5
Dade	11/4/42	36
Duval	10/7/42	29
Franklin	10/5/42	1
Franklin	11/9/42	3
Hamilton	11/23/42	2
Hillsborough	10/6/42	32
Hillsborough	11/16/42	70
Holmes	11/2/42	1

Leon	11/20/42	2
Nassau	11/16/42	6
Okeechobee	11/19/42	3
Okeechobee	11/24/42	1
Okeechobee	12/3/42	3
Palm Beach	10/9/42	22
Pasco	11/3/42	12
St. Johns	10/9/42	19
Taylor	10/30/42	4
Walton	10/26/42	3

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that at the meeting of the Trustees October 27th, request was submitted from the City of Miami for cancellation of certificates under Chapter 18296 on 1559.11 acres of land formerly owned by the City in Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 30, Township 52 South, Range 41 East—Dade County, and based on information that the Federal Government had condemned the land the Trustees disclaimed any interest in such certificates and recommended that they be cancelled by the Comptroller. Subsequent to this action letter was received from the Clerk of the Circuit Court furnishing additional information that the land would properly come under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, providing for conveyance by the Trustees of property owned by a municipality at the time title vested in the State under Chapter 18296.

Upon consideration of the information furnished by the Clerk, giving evidence of former ownership, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees rescind action taken October 27, 1942, with reference to application of the City of Miami, and approve issuance of deed to said City under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Acts of 1941, consideration being $1 per parcel. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the State Road Department for right of way easements required in connection with State roads in Hillsborough and Lee Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees execute easements for right of way in favor of the State Road Department for use in connection with the following State Roads:

Hillsborough County—
Road No. 341—Project 5591—SRD No. 116
Lee County—
Road No. 184—Project 4516—SRD No. 124

Upon vote the motion was adopted and the easements ordered executed and delivered.

Request was presented from Hardee County, through the Clerk of the Circuit Court, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund donate to the State Board of Education the following described land, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296:

In Sections 31 and 33, Township 35 South, Range 24 East—60 acres,

such land to become a part of the State Cattle Experiment Station.

The Trustees were of the opinion that they had no authority to donate the land as requested, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees withhold the land from sale and that a bill be presented to next session of the legislature authorizing conveyance of the land to the State Board of Education to be included in the boundaries of the State Cattle Experiment Station. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. James H. Millican, Jr., came before the Trustees on behalf of South Hastings Drainage District, not in his capacity as Assistant Attorney General, but as a former resident of Putnam County. Information was furnished that the State owned 7265 acres of land by virtue of Chapter 18296, on which there were drainage district liens of approximately $18 an acre. Upon being asked as to the value of the land, Mr. Millican stated that the same type land was selling for three or four dollars an acre; that it was of the character of black jack and swamp and only good for pasture, and that the District requested authority from the Trustees to allow advertisement of all parcels of Murphy Act land within the boundaries of South Hastings Drainage District with a base bid of twenty (20) cents an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the request from South Hastings Drainage District be referred to the Attorney General for his recommendation and in the meantime appraisal of the property be furnished. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. F. E. Harrison, Jr., of Tallahassee, Florida, presented the case of Henry Washington, colored, and submitted the following information for consideration by the Trustees: That land formerly owned by Washington located in the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 5, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Leon County, was rented out by him with the understanding that taxes were to be paid by renter; that when he came back to the County six years later the land had reverted to the State under Chapter 18296, for non-payment of taxes represented by Certificates No. 838 of 1932 and No. 718 of 1933; that he made application to purchase under the Murphy Act but was informed that the land was not for sale, the Federal Government having taken it over in connection with Dale Mabry Airport. Mr. Harrison requested that the Trustees adopt a resolution disclaiming any interest in the property, which would then make it possible for Henry Washington to receive the award deposited by the Federal Government as payment for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for recommendation as to whether there was any ground on which the Trustees might recognize the claim of Henry Washington. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the Florida Power and Light Company for lease across Murphy Act lands through which to construct an electric power line requested by the Federal Power Commission, the land involved being described as:

> N½ of NW¼ of NE¼ of NW¼ of Section 29,
> Township 2 South, Range 25 East, Duval County.

Offer of fifty (50) cents a rod was submitted for the right of way estimated at 42 rods, and check for $21 transmitted with application.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the application of Florida Power and Light Company be referred to the Attorney General for opinion as to whether or not the Trustees have the right to execute easements as requested, or suggestion as to some method for authorizing use of the land for right of way purposes. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Application was presented from Volusia County requesting easement for right of way through Murphy Act land in Volusia County, the parcel desired being the East 50 feet of Lot "G" of Cooper's Subdivision, Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, through which to construct a County road.

Motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees execute easement in favor of Volusia County, allowing right of way 50 feet wide through Lot "G" of Cooper's Subdivision in Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County—covered by Certificate No. 4167 of 1933—assessed value 1932—$20.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was submitted from American Telephone and Telegraph Company, Atlanta, Georgia, making application for permit to remove trees along the right of way of Jacksonville-Key West line, a portion of which line crosses Blocks 183 and 184, Town of Bunnell, and across certain portions of Sections 5, Township 13 South, Range 31 East, Flagler County, title to which vested in the State under Chapter 18296. The Company submitted an offer of $60 for permission to remove the trees on State land within fifty (50) feet of the Line and all other trees within falling distance thereof.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of American Telephone and Telegraph Company for cutting trees on State land in Flagler County as described above, within 50 feet of the Company's Jacksonville-Key West Line through the land, payment to be $60. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit authorized issued.

Martin County Special Case was presented to the Trustees, requesting reduction in base bid for purchase by the County of Murphy Act land in Martin County described as:

S½ of SE¼ of SE¼, Section 3, Township 38
South, Range 41 East—20 acres—covered by
Certificate No. 225 of 1926 and
Certificate No. 2886 of 1933

Assessed Value 1932—$800
Assessed Value 1942—$400

Information furnished by the Tax Assessor and Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County was that the land is cut-over woodland and the Federal Government has requested the County to procure deed to the land and donate it for use in connection with the Navy Airport near Stuart, Florida.

The Trustees being of the opinion that they would not be justified in reducing the base bid as requested, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize lease executed in favor of the United States at a nominal consideration for the duration of the war. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Statement in amount of $6.04 was presented from the City of Jacksonville for repair to sidewalk in front of Murphy Act property described as:

W 30′ Lot 14, Block 101, Springfield, and
E 50′ Lot 14, Block 101, Springfield.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the bill be held in reserve for future developments and to see what the difference was between City and State equities. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Letter was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Charlotte County, requesting that the Trustees convey to the County free gratis, Lots in Simpson's and Pasadera Subdivisions as well as other land in Sections 10 and 15, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, such lands to be leased to the United States without payment.

The Trustees being without authority to donate Murphy Act lands, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that lease be authorized in favor of the United States for the duration of the war at a nominal consideration of $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented applications submitted by Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the following counties requesting cancellation by the Comptroller of State and County tax sale certificates, which certificates had been certified to the State under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937:

Alachua County
Flagler County
Jefferson County
Polk County
Sumter County

The Secretary recommended that the requests be approved and referred to the Comptroller for disposition under authority vested in him.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that based on evidence submitted by the Clerks of the above Counties, the Trustees disclaim any interest in the certificates involved in such requests as they evidence no title in the State under Chapter 18296. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary presented requests from the Clerks of Hardee and Martin Counties, for cancellation by the Comptroller of tax sale certificates issued in 1942 on Murphy Act land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees refer the request to the Comptroller as they were matters coming under his jurisdiction. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Pursuant to action taken November 17, directing investigation as to the advertisement and sale of Alachua County land in Section 35, Township 10 South, Range 20 East, deeded to C. E. Melton of Gainesville, Florida, July 14, 1941, the Attorney General reported that the sale was held less than thirty (30) days from date of advertisement, which was contrary to the rules of the Trustees prevailing at that time, and that former owner had not had notice of such sale.

Upon discussion and consideration of all facts submitted in connection with the sale, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Secretary be instructed to advise the former owner of the irregularities in connection with the advertisement of the land. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 15, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. M. Lee, Comptroller.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,528.16 be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary and Engineer		$ 400.00
F. E. Bayless, Chief Clerk Land Office	$275.00	
Less Insurance	2.95	
		272.05
M. O. Barco, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
Jentye Dedge, Clerk and Stenographer		175.00
H. L. Shearer, Clerk Land Office—part time		50.00
J. B. Lee, guarding timber tract		10.00
E. B. Savage, Field Agent or Cruiser		80.00
Protective Life Ins. Co., Ralph Newman Agencies		2.95
F. E. Bayless, Chief Clerk Land Office		72.28
W. B. Granger, Belle Glade, Fla.		21.35
James H. Millican, Jr., Ass't. Atty. Gen.		35.30
Comptroller, State of Florida		7.45
Elmer Burgess, Publisher, The Sunshine Special—TIFF, West Palm Beach, Fla.		20.22
Ballard Donnell, West Palm Beach		45.00
Glades Printing Company, Moore Haven, Fla.		18.00
Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.		12.00
Rose Printing Company, Tallahassee, Fla.		42.00
J. Alex Arnette, C. C. C., Palm Beach County		1.80
Abstract Company of Sarasota, Sarasota, Fla.		20.00
Miami Daily News, Inc., Miami, Fla.		21.00
Glades Printing Company, Moore Haven, Fla.		8.67
Southeastern Telephone Company, Tallahassee		7.25
Postmaster, Tallahassee, Florida		10.00
E. B. Savage, Ocala, Fla.		20.84
TOTAL		$1,528.16

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Trustees on November 18, 1942, authorized the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Charlotte County to advertise certain lots in Pasadera and Simpson's Subdivisions and parcels in Sections 10 and 15, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, with a minimum advertising period of ten days, in order that the land be made available to the United States. Advertisement having been given for a period of ten days, Report No. 31, Sale of December 7, 1942, was submitted listing bids of Charlotte County in the aggregate amount of $457.50 and another bid of an individual in amount of $5 which had been advertised for thirty days according to the rules. All bids were regular and sale held in the usual manner.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Trustees accept the bids listed on Charlotte County Report No. 31, Sale of December 7, 1942, amounting to $462.50, and that authority be given for issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and adopted, that the following salaries, expense accounts and miscellaneous bills amounting to $1,193.08 be approved and that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants in payment therefor:

Geo. F. Sampson, Clerk		$ 250.00
Ernest Hewitt, Bookkeeper		200.00
Helen Phillips, Secretary		150.00
Mary Evans Voss, Secretary		125.00
Jno. C. Moore, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	1.87	
		148.13
J. R. Roberts, Clerk	$150.00	
Less Insurance	2.92	
		147.08
M. O. Barco, Secretary		25.00
Jentye Dedge, Secretary		25.00
F. C. Elliot, Secretary		50.00
Aetna Life Insurance Company, Ralph D. Newman Agencies		4.79
Western Union Telegraph Company, Tallahassee		1.63
Millard B. Conklin, Ass't. Atty. Gen.		36.45
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee		30.00
TOTAL		$1,193.08

The following refund check was issued during the month of December, 1942, under authority of the Trustees November 29, 1940:

H. C. Dozier, Jr. c/o Carlyle Ausley, C. C. C. Marion County Ocala, Florida	$125.00

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Tallahassee, Florida,
December 22, 1942.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the office of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present:

Spessard L. Holland, Governor.
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer.
J. Tom Watson, Attorney General.
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.
F. E. Bayless, Land Clerk.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 610

The Attorney General presented request from the War Department that the Trustees execute stipulations releasing the Government of any liability in connection with property around Lake Broward in Putnam County, as to any interest the State might have by reason of sovereignty land. Mr. Millican of the Attorney General's office explained that the United States had taken possession of the land under condemnation proceedings for an airport site, but it was found that the character of the land was mostly muck and not suitable to the purpose for which acquired; that they desired to abandon the land and put title back in its original status prior to being taken over by the Government. Information was that all former interests were being requested to stipulate with the Government in the same manner as requested of the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees approve the Stipulation to dissolve the condemnation suit with respect to lands, title to which was in the State, for the purpose of leaving title in the State as of the same status as that prior to filing such suit, and authorize the said Stipulation to be made an order of the Court, pursuant to request from the United States. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. W. G. Blanchard, Mr. J. L. McCord and Mr. Frank Pepper, came before the Trustees and reported as to progress made under their Oil Exploration Contract covering land in the Southern part of the State, written Progress Report having been filed with Mr. Bayless. The information given was substantially as follows:

That exploration work on the land areas had been completed and reports filed with the Internal Improvement Fund; that on account of the war and the scarcity of materials the Company had been unable to secure proper instruments to carry on the explorations under water, however contacts had been made with New Orleans, Louisiana, Houston and San Antonio, Texas, people who had all the necessary equipment to explore the under water tracts around the Florida Keys, but before signing contracts with them it would be necessary to have one or two minor changes made, the principal one being the assignment clause; that upon assurance from the Board that they would be willing to give consideration to changes requested, final contract would be prepared.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees assure Mr. Blanchard and associates that consideration would be given to request submitted in writing, for changes in Oil Exploration contract, the request to be referred to the Committee handling such matters. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Discussion was had as to the extent of the explorations already made and the report of at least six favorable locations for drilling on the mainland; also information given by the Governor that the Keys had been excluded from the proposed Everglades National Park area, and it was desirable at the earliest possible moment to ascertain what tracts on the mainland would be selected as drilling blocks in order that plans could be made in connection with the Park areas.

Mr. Blanchard assured the board that they would immediately get busy and present the requested changes for consideration of the Trustees at an early date.

Mr. Bayless reported that in May, 1926, by Entries No. 17610 and No. 17611 the Trustees sold to J. H. Walker, Sr., 48.72 acres of lake bottom land in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, at a price of $30 an acre or a total of $1,461.60. $365.40 was paid in cash and notes given for the balance. No further payments were made and recently foreclosure proceedings were instituted. Mr. Walker now offers the Trustees $10 an acre, plus court costs, for satisfaction of the mortgage. Recommendation was that the offer be accepted—the price being in line with similar settlements made in the Eagle Bay area.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer from J. H. Walker, Sr., of $10 an acre, plus court costs, for satisfaction of mortgage covering land in Entries No. 17610 and No. 17611. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Florida Gravel Company for lease to remove sand and gravel from the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers, with offer of five cents (5c) per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize Sand and Gravel Lease in favor of Florida Gravel Company for a term of five (5) years commencing January 1, 1943, covering the Apalachicola and Chattahoochee Rivers, upon payment of five cents (5c) per cubic yard for all material removed, with minimum monthly royalty of $25.00. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless presented request from the United States Army Air Base, Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida, for permission to erect targets on the lake bottom area of Lake Jackson, Leon County, the targets to be approximately ten feet square and spaced 100 feet apart, with photographic gunnery equipment to be used. Information was given that the adjacent property owner had given verbal permission that her property be used for this purpose.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the United

States for use of lake bottom areas in Lake Jackson as a target range in connection with Dale Mabry Field. Upon vote the motion was adopted and permit ordered issued.

Application was submitted from G. C. Durrance on behalf of M. T. Whidden, Okeechobee, Florida, for renewal of Grazing Lease No. 18433 covering 26.23 acres of State land in Section 4, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. Offer of twenty-five (25) cents an acre was made for renewal for five years.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the Trustees decline offer made by Mr. Durrance, but it was agreed to authorize renewal of Grazing Lease No. 18433 for a period of one year upon payment of $12.50 for such renewal. It was ordered that counter proposal be submitted to Mr. Whidden.

Proposal was presented from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to lease approximately 1900 acres of State land in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel Island in Lee County. Lease to provide for annual rental at the rate of two (2) cents an acre, expiring not later than January 30, 1946, with option to purchase at any time during life of said lease on the basis of One Dollar ($1) an acre. Land to be used for establishment of a natural wildlife refuge.

Motion was offered by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to decline to grant proposal from the U. S. Wildlife Service, the Trustees being of the opinion that the offer was too low. Upon vote the motion was adopted and application denied.

Application was presented from Keen and Allen, Attorneys of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of G. N. Schuck, offering $10 an acre for Section 22, Township 55 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, containing 640 acres. Offer of $15 an acre was also submitted from George H. Cooper of Princeton, Florida, for the E½ of Section 22 as above.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees advertise for competitive bids the land applied for by Messrs. Schuck and Cooper, based on their offers of $10 and $15 an acre respectively. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the land ordered advertised.

Mr. Bayless presented an offer of Fifteen Cents (15c) an acre from Everett Boney of Lorida, Florida, for five-year grazing lease on the following State land, which adjoins his pasture:

> Lots 9, 10 and 11, Section 20, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, Highlands County, containing 46.98 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees decline to lease the land for five years, but that authority be given to execute a one-year grazing lease on the land described upon payment of fifteen cents (15c) an acre. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that pursuant to application from L. S. Remsberg of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of Mr. Peters, re-examination had been made of Tiers 24, 26 and 28, Section 14, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, and it was found that the land is located approximately six miles from Fort Lauderdale, one mile West of Military Trail on the north side of North New River Canal, which is adjacent to Road No. 26. The soil is of a sandy character and is suitable only for pasture unless put under water control; that East Coast Nurseries Inc. holds lease on this area which will expire August 23, 1943. It was suggested that the land be advertised for bids provided applicant agrees to bid not less than $20 an acre on date of sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, to advertise for competitive bids the lands in Tiers 24, 26 and 28, upon client of Mr. Remsberg agreeing to submit a minimum bid of $20 an acre on date of sale. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

Offer of $155 was presented from Willie Williams of Cornell, Florida, for Lot 10, Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 32 East, Highlands County. Statement was made that the land is marsh and scrub, lying between property owned by applicant and the Kissimmee River, and the price offered is in line with appraisal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept offer of $155 from Mr. Williams for Lot 10 as above described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the offer accepted.

Request was submitted from the State Road Department for right of way easement along the west edge of Sections 19, 30 and 31, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, Palm

Beach County, for use in connection with State Road No. 199.

Motion was offered by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson and duly adopted, that the Trustees grant to the State Road Department right of way easement along the West edge of Sections 19, 30 and 31, Township 41 South, Range 42 East, necessary in connection with State Road No. 199. Easement was authorized executed for transmittal.

Statements were presented for sub-drainage district taxes for the year 1942 on State land in Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District and Pahokee Drainage District.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize payment of taxes as follows on land owned by the State:

Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District—1942 taxes on 305 acres of State land in Section 7, Township 42 South, Range 38 East	$1,433.50
Pahokee Drainage District—1942 taxes on 4 lots in Sections 13 and 24, Township 42 South, Range 37 East	5.85

and that warrant be drawn before January 1, 1943, in order to take advantage of 3% discount allowed for payment during December. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees September 16th, authorizing quitclaim of statutory oil and mineral reservations contained in Deed No. 16801 to Alton Beach Realty Company, dated September 9, 1919, the proper instrument had been transmitted to the Federal Government, now in possession of the property in question; that Attorneys for the War Department returned the State's quitclaim deed and substituted one drafted by them which, upon examination, disclosed that in addition to the description covered in the deed there was included thirteen (13) acres of sovereignty land, title to which was still in the State. Representative of the War Department indicated that title to the 13 acres was claimed under provisions of what is commonly known as the Butler Act.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the deed prepared by the War Department be returned with the information that the Trustees declined to execute the same, but that deed releasing the statutory reservations be transmitted carrying out the action of the board September 16th. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Bayless reported that there had never been filed a report of progress on Exploration Contract executed in favor of Arnold Oil Explorations, Inc., and desired instructions as to procedure to be followed.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that Mr. J. Ray Arnold be notified that he would be given thirty days within which to show cause why his contract should not be cancelled, or either to comply with the terms thereof in a manner satisfactory to the board. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the Attorney General requested to notify Mr. Arnold of the action of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that lists had been prepared of land owned by the State located within Everglades Drainage District, and were ready to be transmitted to the District for extension on the tax rolls upon adoption of the proper resolution by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson and duly carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

> WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 20658, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida are required to ascertain and certify the assessed value of lands of the Internal Improvement Fund within Everglades Drainage District, and the said Trustees having ascertained the assessed valuation of such lands, now therefore,
>
> BE IT RESOLVED That the assessed value of lands of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as ascertained by said Trustees for the year 1942, be and the same is hereby certified to the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District as set forth on the attached lists, as appearing in the column headed "DESCRIPTION" and the column headed "VALUE," which said lists are identified by the signature of the Governor and attested by the Secretary under the seal of the said Trustees.

Attorney General Watson reported that he had received letter from Mr. Reuben Ragland, Special Counsel for Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, in which it was reported that the State Hospital authorities at Chattahoochee, Florida, had recently stopped a party holding contract from the Railroad Company from cutting timber on the 200-foot right of way in Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, Gadsden County. Mr. Ragland requested that if appropriate that the title of the railroad company to the right of way be recognized and the objections withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for an opinion as to whether or not the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company had any title to the land referred to in letter from Mr. Ragland. Upon vote the motion was adopted and the matter referred to the Attorney General.

Mr. Bayless reported that estimate had been made of the timber located on State land in Collier County, which was involved in the proposed exchange with the Federal Government, and on the 600 acres there was approximately 1,675,000 feet of timber for which the Trustees would receive around $12,000.00.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District had adopted a resolution December 14, 1942, agreeing to cancel all Everglades Drainage District tax liens or assessments on land in Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, Broward County, which land was conveyed to the United States January 4, 1937, and further that such lands would be exempted from future Everglades Drainage District taxes and assessments so long as the lands remained the property or under control of the United States Government.

Mr. Elliot was requested to acknowledge receipt of the Resolution and to thank the District for the action taken.

Pursuant to action heretofore taken the following bills were ordered transmitted to the Comptroller for the issuance of warrants in payment therefor:

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach Co.
Payment of Pelican Lake Sub-Drainage District taxes on lands of the Internal Improvement Fund in said District for the year 1942 in Sec. 7-42-38

Amount	$1,433.50	
Less 3%	43.00	
		$1,390.50

Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach Co. Payment of Pahokee Drainage District taxes on lands of the Internal Improvement Fund in said District for the year 1942, Lots in Sections 13 and 24-42-36 and Section 18-42-37

Amount	$ 5.85	
Less 3%	.17	
		5.68
TOTAL		$1,396.18

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Watson stated that recently action was taken by the Trustees withholding timbered lands from sale; that some cases had come to his attention where former owners had made application to purchase but were not allowed to do so owing to policy adopted by the Trustees. It was the opinion of the board that former action should be amended to allow purchase where applicant was former owner of the land. Whereupon motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the action of the Trustees, withdrawing timbered lands from sale, be amended to apply only where non-owner makes application to purchase. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

The Secretary reported that examination was being made as rapidly as possible to ascertain the amount of timber on Murphy Act land and reports giving appraised values would be filed with the Trustees on each parcel.

Mr. Elliot presented the following list of bids received by the Trustees for lands under Chapter 18296, and reported that they were regular in all respects, had been properly checked and were submitted for consideration by the Board:

County	*Date of Sale*	*Number of Bids*
Alachua	10/21/42	8
Alachua	11/18/42	15
Calhoun	10/19/42	6
Charlotte	12/7/42	51
Clay	11/21/42	5
Columbia	12/16/42	7

DeSoto	11/30/42	2
Flagler	12/7/42	2
Gadsden	11/30/42	2
Gadsden	12/7/42	1
Hamilton	12/7/42	2
Hendry	11/27/42	4
Hernando	11/6/42	12
Hernando	11/27/42	2
Hernando	12/12/42	3
Lafayette	12/4/42	8
Lake	9/14/42	22
Lake	10/12/42	16
Madison	7/13/42	3
Marion	11/2/42	8
Marion	12/7/42	24
Okeechobee	12/10/42	2
Pasco	12/8/42	11
Seminole	11/9/42	38
Seminole	12/14/42	15
Sumter	9/14/42	15
Sumter	11/30/42	10
St. Johns	10/9/42	19
St. Johns	11/14/42	9
Walton	11/23/42	1

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees accept the bids listed above and authorize the issuance, execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject however, to any protest filed under the rules. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary presented applications for correction deeds, one in Hernando County and one in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees authorize execution of the following correction deeds:

> Hernando County Deed No. 175-Cor., issued for the purpose of correcting name of Grantee;
> Monroe County Deed No. 405-Cor., issued for the purpose of including Deed Book and Page Number.

Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Telegram was presented from Mr. Evans Crary, Attorney for Martin County, advising that the County proposed making application immediately to the Trustees for purchase of certain Murphy Act land in Martin County described as,

> SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 41 East;
> Lots 16, 17, 18, 19; 30 to 34 Incl., Block 1;
> Lots 1 to 11 Incl., and 13 to 16 Incl., Block 2;
> Lots 16, 17, 28, 29, 30 and 34, Block 3;
> Lots 1 to 16 Incl., Block 4,
> Colonial Park Subdivision;

that pending such acquisition the United States requested permission to enter upon the land and start work of improvement in connection with Stuart Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson. that the Trustees, without assuming any liability on their part, will interpose no objection to the United States, or is contractors, entering upon the land above described for carrying out any improvement in connection with Stuart Airport; also that upon application from the County, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Martin County be authorized to reduce to ten (10) days the period between date of advertisement and date of sale of the land heretofore described. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from the War Department for lease covering Murphy Act land in Sarasota County described as,

> Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block 122, Venezia Park Section of Venice in Section 18, Township 39 South, Range 19 East,

the land being desired in connection with Venice Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Larson, that the Trustees authorize execution of lease in favor of the United States, covering the lots applied for in Venezia Park, consideration to be $1 annually. Upon vote the motion was adopted and lease ordered executed.

Letter was presented from Mr. E. R. Bennett, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Broward County requesting that the Trustees reduce the base bid on lands located within the Everglades Drainage District, where there was no timber or where no improvements had been made. Statement was made that the Clerk had application for the purchase of 2200 acres of such land and requested the Trustees to adopt a blanket rule allowing a base bid of 10% of the 1932 assessed value on all lands of the character mentioned.

In view of the considerable difference in tax liens according to the number of years for which taxes were delinquent, the Trustees were of the opinion that it would not be advisable to adopt a blanket rule reducing the base bid, but that such cases as mentioned by Mr. Bennett be handled under the "Special Case" rule. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees decline to adopt a rule reducing the base bid from 25% to 10% of the 1932 assessed value on all lands on which there were delinquent drainage district and municipal taxes, but that such cases be presented under the "Special Case" rule. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Application was presented from Charles J. Anderson of Groveland, Florida, on behalf of Mrs. Mary R. Adams, for allowance of protest to sale of Lake County land, which protest failed to be filed with the Clerk prior to expiration date under the Protest Rule; the reason for such failure being tire and gas rationing which prevented Mr. Anderson from making the trip to the Clerk's Office. Party protesting advised that the property was worth considerably more than $80 which was the high bid offered by N. E. Valerius, and submitted check covering amount required under the Protest Rule.

Upon consideration of the case, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees allow the protest as submitted by Mr. Anderson on behalf of Mrs. Adams, to sale of Lake County land in favor of N. E. Valerius. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Brevard County Special Case was presented, involving an offer of $30 for a one-story building which the Tax Assessor advised was beyond repair, an eyesore and a fire hazard, and removal of the building would increase value of the lot. The Clerk recommended acceptance of the offer conditioned that purchaser assume and pay City taxes on the lot described as,

> Part of Lot 8, as described in DB 201, P. 32,
> Block 9, Plat of Titusville,

and clear all debris from the Lot after removal of the building.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the Trustees accept offer of $30 from F. J. Elwood for the building located on Lot in Titusville owned by the State under the Murphy Act, conditioned that Mr. Elwood pay all city taxes against the lot and clear all debris from the lot after removal of the building. Upon vote the motion was adopted.

The Secretary reported that under the provisions of Chapter 20424, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1941, several Cities had purchased property formerly owned by the municipality paying therefore $1 per parcel, plus an amount to be deposited to the State School Fund pursuant to opinion from the Attorney General; that a recent opinion handed down by the Supreme Court ruled that land under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, was not of the character coming under the provision requiring payment of one-fourth of the proceeds derived therefrom to the State School Fund. Mr. Elliot desired action as to whether or not municipalities depositing amounts for payment to the School Fund should be entitled to refund. Information was furnished that moneys deposited by the several municipalities as the equity of the School Fund had not been disbursed but had been held in a separate account.

It was the opinion of the Trustees that in all fairness, the amounts deposited as payment to the School Fund should now be returned to the respective municipalities. Whereupon, motion was made by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Mayo, that in view of opinion of the Supreme Court, the Trustees authorize refund of overpayment as above to the municipalities which had paid in amounts representing equity of the School Fund. Upon vote the motion was adopted and so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported that by the end of the month there would be available from funds under Chapter 18296, the sum of $10,000 for transfer to General Revenue Fund and that warrant would be drawn in favor of the State Treasurer in such amount.

Consideration was given to letter from Charles A. Stewart of Auburndale, Florida, to Governor Holland, having reference to timber lands in Manatee and Sarasota Counties with a view to purchasing such lands at the earliest date possible. Information was furnished that cruise was being made as rapidly as possible of all timber lands under the Murphy Act, however such information was not yet available for Manatee and Sarasota Counties.

Governor Holland asked if there would be any objection to advising Mr. Stewart to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the respective counties with list of parcels in which he was interested and that the Clerk be instructed to have estimate made of the timber on such parcels; payment for such cruise to be made in line with compensation to the Field Agent. It was satisfactory with the Trustees that such course be followed and the Governor was authorized to so advise Mr. Stewart.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees djourned.

SPESSARD L. HOLLAND,
Governor—Chairman.

ATTEST: F. C. Elliot,
Secretary.

Chapter 610

MONTHLY STATEMENT

Receipts—Disbursements—Balances

1941	Receipts	Dis-bursements	Balance Last Day
Balance December 31, 1940	....	....	$169,858.79
January	$ 1,808.37	$ 3,016.81	168,650.35
February	3,788.22	10,172.35	162,266.22
March	14,173.49	2,965.12	173,474.59
April	5,913.10	7,480.63	171,907.06
May	15,632.86	6,863.50	180,676.42
June	17,371.64	6,901.40	191,146.66
July	9,164.88	1,872.67	198,438.87
August	8,036.08	12,354.39	194,120.56
September	3,502.53	1,275.00	196,348.09
October	9,262.57	2,751.71	202,858.95
November	10,613.74	2,432.48	211,040.21
December	6,308.56	2,696.08	214,652.69
Totals	$105,576.04	$60,782.14	$214,652.69

1942			
Balance December 31, 1941	....	....	$214,652.69
January	$15,264.89	$ 3,225.14	226,692.44
February	8,202.79	1,430.50	233,464.73
March	14,753.08	87,612.25	160,605.56
April	5,811.14	3,155.70	163,261.00
May	10,386.51	1,788.35	171,859.16
June	17,098.25	2,948.99	186,008.42
July	9,673.12	20,878.02	174,803.52
August	1,318.55	3,562.60	172,559.47
September	6,046.56	1,710.82	176,895.21
October	12,509.23	1,817.76	187,586.68
November	17,599.90	92,499.48	112,687.10
December	10,413.78	4,050.61	119,050.27
Totals	$129,077.80	$224,680.22	$119,050.27

Chapter 20667, Acts of 1941

OIL LEASES

	Receipts	Dis-bursements	Balance Last Day
1941-1942	$ 2,895.00	None	$ 2,895.00

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MONTHLY STATEMENT

RECEIPTS—DISBURSEMENTS—BALANCES

1941	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance Last Day
Balance December 31, 1940	....	....	$590,078.56
January	$55,538.17	$ 1,698.57	643,918.16
February	46,729.02	2,891.91	687,755.27
March	12,342.84	2,584.11	697,514.00
April	22,272.43	4,220.22	715,566.21
May	23,135.01	702,423.26	36,277.96
June	56,398.06	72,449.31	20,226.71
July	34,374.23	31,712.98	22,887.96
August	66,757.24	62,433.00	27,212.20
September	49,621.56	1,323.15	75,510.61
October	53,724.21	61,725.20	67,509.62
November	43,153.36	81,697.57	28,965.41
December	31,247.42	41,592.11	18,620.72
Totals	$495,293.55	$1,066,751.39	$18,620.72

1942			
Balance December 31, 1941	....	....	$18,620.72
January	$18,913.57	$31,818.72	5,715.57
February	28,222.88	26,398.87	7,539.58
March	31,461.96	31,596.86	7,404.68
April	12,360.13	16,463.48	3,301.33
May	22,648.70	1,393.03	24,557.00
June	26,516.42	46,756.77	4,316.65
July	33,379.54	26,633.76	11,062.43
August	19,643.06	21,858.96	8,846.53
September	16,152.10	21,378.21	3,620.42
October	17,272.30	13,741.49	7,151.23
November	11,176.16	13,504.41	4,822.98
December	8,374.04	11,318.08	1,878.94
Totals	$246,120.86	$262,862.64	$ 1,878.94

Chapter 610—MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

1941	Land Sales	Leases				Interest	Reimburse ments, Refunds, Releases, Redemptions	Miscel- laneous
		Farm Grazing, Hunting, Fishing, Land, General, etc.	Oil, Mineral and Pipe Lines	Timber, Turpentine, Wood, etc.	Sand, Shell, Gravel and Rock			
January	$ 875.54	$ 275.37	$ 418.50	$ 4.50	$ 213.46	$...	$ 21.00	$...
February	2,320.31	658.77	46.87	226.06	521.21	...	15.00	...
March	11,187.66	409.76	841.07	1,014.88	682.62	...	37.50	...
April	1,960.76	3,531.57	49.50	3.75	357.02	10.50	...	...
May	4,353.69	9,275.97	593.60	11.41	1,387.69	...	10.50	...
June	10,990.44	5,248.82	50.63	195.52	869.73	...	...	16.50
July	3,887.95	4,140.39	111.56	7.87	863.86	...	...	153.25
August	4,563.88	740.50	101.25	39.61	2,420.74	...	170.10	...
September	1,291.24	812.12	100.13	270.69	849.35	...	...	179.00
October	6,698.70	368.42	56.25	568.09	1,500.21	...	70.90	...
November	8,809.39	79.65	467.03	5.76	1,081.31	...	170.60	...
December	4,586.99	602.93	75.00	3.09	1,036.80	...	3.75	...
Totals	$61,526.55	$26,144.27	$ 2,911.39	$ 2,351.23	$11,784.00	$ 10.50	$ 499.35	$ 348.75
Totals All Sources								$105,576.04
1942								
January	$ 4,560.77	$10,239.65	$...	$ 12.47	$ 442.00	$...	$ 10.00	$...
February	3,345.58	4,025.85	225.00	...	499.46	...	106.90	...
March	13,211.80	208.69	...	...	964.79	...	367.80	...
April	3,814.35	388.28	...	...	1,424.38	...	184.13	...
May	8,847.01	318.05	...	7.81	1,132.12	...	80.02	1.50
June	10,961.05	4,254.49	...	844.49	958.11	...	80.11	...
July	4,583.61	1,876.94	...	2,470.84	709.30	31.50	...	.93
August	450.00	365.03	112.50	1.38	370.89	...	18.75	...
September	2,850.10	120.72	75.00	2,736.90	243.30	...	20.54	...
October	10,669.10	695.92	18.75	370.46	740.00	...	15.00	...
November	15,136.76	536.06	375.00	1,095.19	146.51	10.50	299.88	...
December	9,134.14	234.11	131.25	548.93	365.35	...	...	...
Totals	$87,564.27	$23,263.79	$ 937.50	$ 8,088.47	$ 7,996.21	$ 42.00	$ 1,183.13	$ 2.43
Totals All Sources								$129,077.80

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